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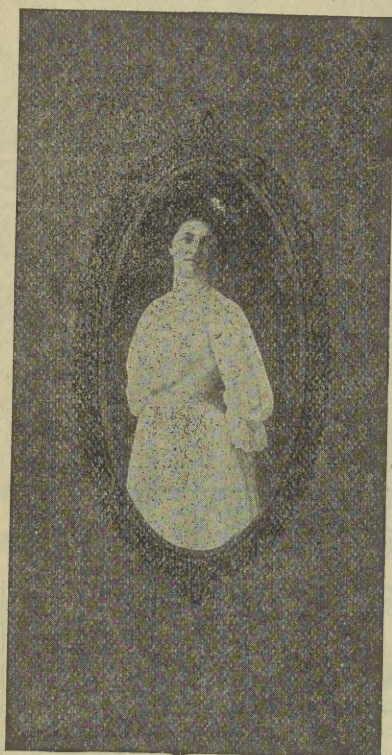
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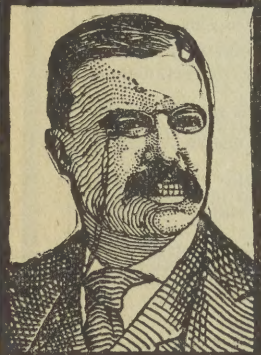
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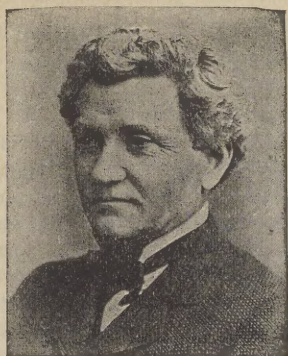
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Primula Cortusoides Sieboldi.

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It seems rather strange that this beautiful and interesting member of the Primula family should not be more generally cultivated, especially as there is such a wide range of color in the blossoms, running through various shades of rose, purple, carmine, blue and white. Some of the flowers have plain and some very beautifully fringed petals. The blossoms are nearly two inches in diameter, but notwithstanding their extraordinary size they do not have a clumsy appearance, but rather a beautifully characteristic looseness which they carry with grace. They last a long time when cut; in fact, for cutting, purposes, or making up for decorative effect, they are the most beautiful of the Hardy Primula family.

An erroneous opinion seems to prevail about their culture, but I think this must be from lack of knowledge of their requirements and habits. A few lines from the writer, who has been very successful with them for the last three years, may be of interest.

The first essential is to procure good rhizomes, which may be had of leading dealers in hardy plants. And, by the way, I should like to call attention to these tubers, or rhizomes. When you receive them you will probably be greatly disappointed in their size. They are about one inch or so in length and not quite as thick as an ordinary lead pencil, with a few roots attached. Nevertheless, if received in good, sound, plump condition, they give very gratifying results, throwing up very vigorously and freely dark green leaves from four to eight inches, or more, in length, and from each well-developed eye will proceed, on strong, stout scapes, a wealth of bloom.

The illustration does but poor justice to this interesting plant, still it will suffice to show what a mass of bloom can be had for a very little labor. The plants shown were set out in the spring of 1901, grew during spring and early summer in a low frame, receiving water when needed and being kept free from weeds. The following fall some old, broken, leaky sash was placed over them. This, I think did more harm than good, as the sun shining on the glass frequently caused them to thaw out and heave up when everything else around was frozen solid. It also helped very

materially to dry up the rhizomes, (which ought to have been covered with a little dirt or well-decayed manure,) to such an extent that I thought they were completely shriveled up. But, as spring advanced, Dame Nature, who knows well how to care for her children, greatly astonished me, and where I thought I would have only a ruined bed, I had a perfect mass of flowers and foliage.

Many doubts have been expressed to me as to the hardiness of this plant, but from the above experience I feel fully assured that it is rather from a lack of knowledge in the cultivator that this Primula fails, than from not being perfectly hardy. Again, at this present writing, January, 1903, it is standing out all right, and shows no signs of succumbing.



PRIMULA CORTUSOIDES SIEBOLDI.

A great mistake in treating this plant is apt to be made about July or August, for at this time the foliage dies off and by the beginning of September, or a little later, according to latitude, not a vestige of it remains. Upon close examination, however, the little rhizomes will be found to have made their appearance on the surface of the soil. At this stage they are very apt to be destroyed in weeding or hoeing by any person unacquainted with the plant and its manner of growth. When the foliage begins to die off the rhizomes soon ripen, and they should be protected from exposure to the burning rays of the sun, or other agencies which might threaten their destruction. At this

period of the year a slight sprinkling of soil or well-decayed manure is all that is required, just sufficient to prevent their exposure. It would be well also, at this juncture, if only a few plants are grown, to mark their location with a neat, stout stick or label.

If you desire to increase your stock of plants, you may dig them up in October and divide them to single eyes, cutting the rhizome with a good sharp knife, leaving roots attached to each piece, and replant.

Of course best results will only be obtained by kindly and good treatment. The plants, like most other members of this family, delight in a good, cool, well-enriched soil. I have found

well-decayed cow manure to best answer their requirements. By exercising a little judgment and common sense in the care of this beautiful species, you will be abundantly rewarded by a wealth of bloom and a variety of colors not found in any other member of the Primula family.

Following is a list of the best varieties known to the American trade:

Sirius, very free flowering, rich crimson with very large eye; one of the best.

Loreley, salmon colored with white eye.

Queen of the Whites, a beautifully pure white of large size.

Other varieties not generally known and perhaps not to be procured at present are:

Alba magnifica, pure white, beautifully fringed, but not as good as Queen of the Whites.

Princess Beatrice, white, fringed, delicately shaded with blue.

Miss Nellie Barnard, purplish maroon, beautifully fringed; the best dark variety.

Queen Victoria, upper side of petals white, reverse blue, producing a pretty effect; a good

grower.

Atlas, a shade lighter than Sirius, but a much larger flower.

Maiden's Blush, blush white with reverse rosy purple, a very pretty, delicate shade; beautifully fringed.

Several other varieties are grown, but I think the above are the cream.

Primula Cortusoides Sieboldi is a native of Japan and very much superior, in all respects, to P. Cortusoides.

Herbert Greensmith.

Editor's Note.—In the Cyclopaedia of Horticulture, Professor Bailey makes a separate species of Primula Sieboldi, saying, however, that it looks like a large and robust form of P. Cortusoides, with flowers two or three times larger than the latter.



Flowers for the Hardy Border.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

We often hear busy people say, "I would like to have flowers, but have no time to care for them." If there are any such among the readers of Vick's let them try the following varieties:

Perhaps first in order of expense, ease of obtaining, and abundance of bloom, would come Dianthus pinks; seed sown next April will give lots of bloom from July until hard frost, then if given a mulch through the winter, they will be in flower as early as the hardy tulips, and will so continue all through the summer, and through several summers if one will give winter protection, keep weeds down and give shallow cultivation. They have almost all sorts of colors and are pretty enough to satisfy any one; their only lack is fragrance. Almost as desirable in all the above qualities is the Sweet William; it will not continue in bloom all summer, but it has delicious fragrance. Ten or twenty cents spent for seed of these very desirable flowers, will give one a gay border, and increasing pleasure, year after year. We have beautiful Sweet Williams that have blossomed three seasons, and are going into winter quarters in fine shape. Like anything else, these

plants will quickly respond to good treatment, and no lover of flowers will regret the time spent in caring for them. If allowed to ripen their seeds, they will soon self sow and quite a mat of young plants will surround the parent, but this is a poor way to let them do. It is much better to remove all blooms as soon as fading, leaving a few choice blooms for seed, then, as soon as ripe, sow carefully in a protected bed. With these, as with all perennials, the sooner the seed is sown after ripening, the better and quicker it will germinate; it is hard to succeed with perennial phlox seed unless sown as soon as it ripens. These last are another very desirable, very hardy and satisfactory flower, but it is a little more difficult to get a border of them unless one buys plants; but the expense is a little more than when one can start with seeds. They are a very satisfactory plant to receive through the mail.

Emma Clearwaters.

THE SHASTA DAISY.

Of all Luther Burbank's floral "creations," none is more deserving of popular favor than the Shasta Daisy, and it is gratifying to know that wherever seen it meets with unqualified admiration.

The Shasta is a hybrid between the common Ox-eye Daisy, a large but coarse European species, and a Japanese species, and combines the good qualities of all three, the poorer qualities being eliminated. The flowers are pure, glistening white with two or three rows of slender petals surrounding a golden yellow center, and average at least four inches in diameter. They are borne on strong, stiff, wiry stems nearly two feet in length. The blooms when cut will remain fresh for two weeks or more. One might think so large a Daisy would be coarse, but the Shasta is not in the least so. The plant is perfectly hardy, and being a perennial it will bloom better and more abundantly each season. It is not particular as to soil, and the clumps increase in size rapidly. They can be divided as necessary. The blooming season lasts for several months; in California nearly all the year. The Shasta deserves all the praise it is receiving, and we hope it will be introduced into every garden. *Florence Beckwith.*

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Why not plan to have a small hot-bed this season? It would cost very little, and would return a hundred-fold any care and trouble it entailed. The frame is easily made, using rough boards, and old windows well tightened with putty answer every purpose for the top. The wooden frame should be considerably higher at the back than in front, and hinged at the front, so the sash may be tilted at the top to admit fresh air when the weather permits. A pit should be dug nearly as large as the frame, and about two and one-half feet in depth. When the frame is placed over it, bank up about the sides to

exclude cold. Fill the pit with the heating material about two-thirds full, and close the bed until the heat subsides to the right temperature, perhaps ninety degrees. Then put on about six inches of soil, and it is ready to receive the seeds. The heating material is formed by piling up fresh horse-manure, mixed with leaves if desired, and allowing the mass to heat. In a few days break up the mass, and fork it over to allow the steam to escape, when it is ready for the hot-bed. Hot-bed plants are very tender and are ruined if exposed to the least degree of frost. At night see that the sash is closed, and carefully covered with old carpeting or something similar to exclude the cold. Admit fresh

air every day, if possible, especially as the power of the sun grows stronger.

The first of April is early enough to plant seeds, to secure strong thrifty specimens when it is time to set them out. Many choice bedding plants can be grown in this way at the expense of the seeds only. A fine lawn bed of coleus may be secured from one packet of seeds. The colors will not all be choice, but undesirable ones can be rooted out. The plants grow rapidly, and are thriftier than those obtained from slips. The same may be said of Heliotrope. Whoever tries this lovely and fragrant plant in the open ground with rich soil and full sunshine will be astonished at its luxuriance of growth and bloom. Give it a moist place. A good variety of Geraniums may also be secured from seed. And several weeks advance may be gained in the case of the more common garden flowers, as Stocks, Verbenas, Petunias, Mignonette, Salvias, Scabiosa, Phlox, etc. Gourds take long to germinate, and for this reason are best started in advance. But they do not take kindly to transplanting, so we start ours

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COLORADO LARKSPUR.

Wild Flowers of Colorado

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

To write in detail of Colorado wild flowers would require unlimited time and space, as there are so many species and varieties and each has its own peculiar charm. In ordinary seasons the hills and valleys, from April to the last of September, are like a vast flower garden.

I will only write of a few of our early spring favorites which are so welcome after the snows of winter.

The Anemone is one of our earliest flowers. It is locally known as Wind Flower, Fairy Velvet, May Flower, Wild Crocus, etc. It grows on the highest and windiest slopes of our mountains, pushing its crocus like buds, up through the bare, rocky soil, or through brown pine needles before the foliage appears. The flowers and stems are protected from the frost by a silvery, hairy covering. The large, cup-shaped flowers open about the middle of April, and are of all shades of blue to a rich purple. They are of a lighter shade inside, with a beautiful, golden center and generally possess a delicate fragrance. The stems are so short that it is hard to pick the flowers.

Next is the Wild Candytuft, a charming little plant, growing on the northern slopes of the mountains. It is of low growth; its highest stalks being only about three inches above the ground. It blooms in April; the pure white flowers are borne on the top of the stalk in a thick cluster, like the cultivated varieties. Candytuft grows abundantly all through the mountains; but, like all of our spring flowers, it only stays in bloom about three weeks, or until the weather becomes warm. It can be easily transplanted.

The Oregon Grape is another early flower which grows almost everywhere in the foothills. It is locally known as Frost Grape and Ground Holly. This plant grows in large patches, lying close to the ground, on hillsides, or in tufts between the rocks in ravines or canyons, and blooms from the middle of April till the last of

May. The flowers are bright, golden yellow, in graceful, finger-like sprays, and look when growing on a hillside like patches of golden sunshine gleaming through the dark green foliage. They give forth a beautiful fragrance. The leaves, which resemble holly somewhat, stay green all winter though the frost turns some of them beautiful shades of red and bronze. In the fall this plant bears clusters of little bright blue, berries which look like small bunches of grapes. The early settlers of Colorado used these berries to make jelly, but it never was a favorite on account of its strong flavor. The root is very bitter and is used medicinally.

One of our shy, sweet favorites is the Blue Bell. It grows on sand ridges, or low hills; its crown of intense blue flowers bends the slender stem until



COLORADO SPRING BEAUTY.

growing in large clump, so low to the ground that you must pull the plants up by the roots to get a stem to the flowers.

May is one of our best months for flowers. Then comes the wild Larkspur with flowers all shades from white to purple. It is much like the cultivated varieties, and grows everywhere. Next are the flowering shrubs and trees. Mock currant bushes, covered with little pink flowers and in fall bearing scarlet, currant like berries that are said to contain poison, grow abundantly; and Choke Cherry trees whose long, pendant racemes of white flowers fill the air with a delightful fragrance. In the fall they bear clusters of small black cherries. Thimble Berries grow among the rocks wherever they can find root, and their large white, single flowers, looking something like wild roses, give them a very handsome appearance. Wild Plum trees with their clouds of foam-like blossoms on the leafless branches, grow all along our streams or near springs, with Birch and Pussy Willow. Two pretty shrubs are Buffalo Berry and spicy, golden flowered Platte River currants.

We have many kinds of vines, such as Hop, Woodbine, Wild Sweet Pea, Climbing Buckwheat, Morning Glory, and Wild Cucumber with sprays of misty, honey-scented blossoms; also two varieties of Clematis, Virgin's Bower, growing abundantly in the valleys, and the smaller vine with large blue flowers growing only in the mountains, and being very fragile.

We have four kinds of Violets; yellow, "Johnny Jump-ups," two varieties of white; and the early blue violets growing only in the mountains.

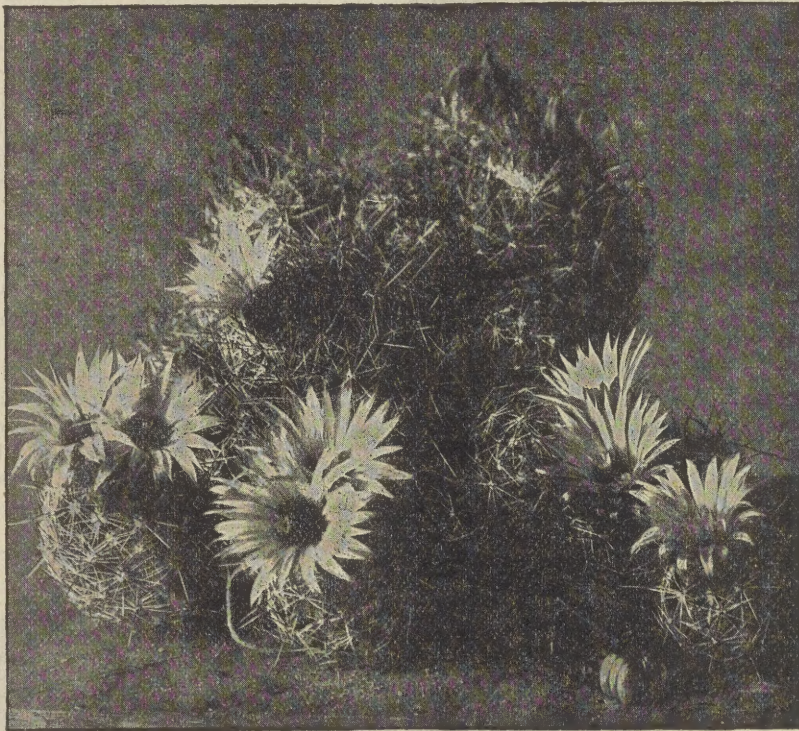
There are ten distinct varieties of Lupins, also Prairie Dandelions, "Spoon" Plants, Poppies, Daisies, Blue Iris, and many small plants, nameless so far as I know. The summer flowers are larger and of more gorgeous colors, but space forbids their description at this time.

Mary J. Breen.

MARCH.

Beneath the sheltering walls the thin snow clings,
Dead winter's skeleton, left bleaching, white,
Disjointed, crumbling, on unfriendly fields.
The inky pools surrender tardily
At noon, to patient herds, a frosty drink
From jagged rims of ice; a subtle red
Of life is kindling every twig and stalk
Of lowly meadow growths; the willows wrap
Their stems in furry white; the pines grow gray
A little in the biting wind: midday
Brings tiny burrowed creatures, peeping out
Alert for sun.

Ah March! we know thou art
Kind-hearted, spite of ugly looks and threats,
And, out of sight, art nursing April's violets!
Helen Hunt Jackson.

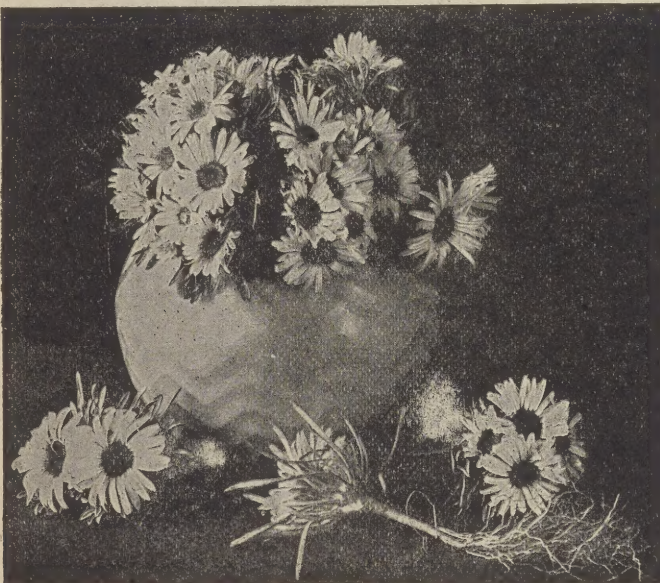


CACTUS.

the petals almost touch the ground. It blooms about the first of May.

The "Bird's Nest" Cactus is the most beautiful of its kind growing in our foot hills and mountains. It may be found on any sunny hillside among the rocks and crags. It varies in size from an inch to seven or eight inches in diameter; and grows in clusters of five or six, as well as singly. It blooms about the last of April, bearing a crown of large and beautiful flowers in all shades of pink, and delicate salmon, to a rich crimson, with a bright golden center. The long, daisy-like petals have the same satiny appearance, and the blossoms are fully as beautiful as the potted varieties, but are not so large. They have a delicate fragrance, something like that of the wild rose. The flowers are open only in the morning.

The Spring Beauty, so well known in most states, is well represented here. Its little bright eye is one of the first to be seen peeping out everywhere. There are early white daisies, blooming in March, on every rocky hill, and



COLORADO DAISIES.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



CLEMATIS

On the Subject of Vines

NATURE did a wise and beautiful thing when she draped the woods and highways with vines; and all flower growers that imitate her example about their homes, show that they, also, know a good thing when they see it. Vines, judiciously used, add very greatly to the looks of a place—more so than would, at first, be supposed. We have so many really beautiful and desirable varieties, both hardy and otherwise, that it seems as if any one ought to make a profitable selection. There is scarcely a vine that is not beautiful, even if it never blooms.

If I had a long, high fence that I didn't know what to do with, I think that I should get all the different clematis that I could, and plant them along its length, for I am sure that in course of time, I should regard this particular spot with more favor than any other part of my garden. Clematis are beautiful, any way you grow them, and when you have all kinds together, where they can add to the charms of each other, they are something more than beautiful. Everybody knows what a desirable vine Clematis paniculata is, and the other varieties are, in all ways, quite as worthy of cultivation.

The varieties that bear large flowers are great favorites, where ever grown. Jackmanni is dark purple, Henryi is cream-white, Madame Edward Andre is crimson and Ramona is light lavender. Plant them in the order named, and have Clematis paniculata and the common wild Clematis, which is also respectable, at either end. Next to the Clematis, I consider the Honeysuckle to be our most satisfactory vine. The flowers are deliciously fragrant, the habit of the plants graceful and the foliage extremely ornamental. Two varieties from Japan head the list; Hall's which retains its leaves until well into the winter, and the Japanese golden leaved, which has beautifully marked foliage.

The Chinese matrimony vine, Chinese wistaria, Dutchman's pipe, Akebia quinata and Ampelopsis are among our best hardy vines. Among our tender vines that come from seed, the wild cucumber, Echinocystis lobata, is one of the most desirable. If trained up the sides of a building, it will reach the roof by July. It will also trail over the ground or climb a fence in an equally satisfactory manner. The flowers are white, airy and fragrant; the cucumbers are fat, prickly and interesting. It seeds itself, and new plants come on early, the next season.

not be overlooked, for both are very desirable flowering vines. It is well to order seeds from more than one florist; in this way you get a better variety of colors than otherwise.

The morning glory—and particularly the kinds from Japan—should be sown early in May, in warm, mellow soil, in order to give the plantlets a good start. The nasturtium may also be sown in May, if you are careful to cover the young plants securely, when it seems likely to freeze. Nothing succumbs to frost any quicker than a nasturtium.



JAPANESE HOP.

tractiveness to large grounds. A substantial frame of poles would first have to be put up, and any quick-growing vines, like morning glories trained over it. If the foliage grows too rampant, it may easily be trimmed back, thus keeping the tent in proper shape.

SUMMER BLOOMING BULBS.

Among our summer blooming bulbs are many plants that, for general good qualities, would be hard to equal. Bulbs are always interesting, either before or after planting. We hold a dormant bulb in our hand and speculate as to what it will be. We plant it, and find out. It grows thriftily, blooms magnificently, shows its readiness to be lifted from the ground in October, and lo!—In place of one bulb, we have two, or perhaps three or four. Truly an assortment of bulbous plants will prove a profitable investment. A whole flower garden could be had from bulbs,

alone. No plants are easier to grow, and none are more beautiful.

Of course, I shall give the gladiolus first place. I couldn't, conscientiously, do otherwise. The flowers have a wide range of color, and if anything is lacking, it is fragrance. We have scarlet, we have white, we have red and sulphur yellow; we have salmon pink and rose pink, and a real blue gladiolus is the only one that we do not have, to complete this interesting family. The LeMoyne gladioli blossom about the earliest of any. If planted in May, one should expect them to flower in July. These have smaller flowers than most others, but the stalks are taller and more graceful, and the blossoms show many odd and fantastic markings.

The Childsi gladioli are without a rival. The flowers are very large, and the coloring of some of them is truly marvellous. The bulbs are twice the size of an ordinary gladiolus, and multiply rapidly from year to year. A collection of named bulbs will give you unlimited satisfaction; and if you can indulge in some of the high priced ones by all means do so. If not, you can probably find many pleasant surprises among the mixed bulbs. These are cheaper than others, and are a blessing to people that have to count their pennies. The culture of the gladiolus will be given in a subsequent number.

Another very excellent bulb for the summer garden is the Tigridia. If you have never tried it, plan to order a few, this season. The flowers are of fine texture, and widely opened. The principal colors are white, rose, yellow, orange, red and lilac, and the base of each one, on the inside, is splashed with brilliant dabs of color,

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HALL'S HONEYSUCKLE.

THE MAGIC ISLE

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By
E. H. RYDALL

Away to the south of Southern California, about twenty-two miles distant from shore, is an island some twenty miles long by eight wide. Only a few of the world's population have seen such a strange looking island as this. All along the coast the steep mountains go right down into the sea, so that places where a boat can land are about five miles from each other. Down deep in the waters of the blue Pacific Ocean go the bases of these mountains, while the tops extend up into the sky and furnish many a lonely cliff on which the eagles build their nests, and around which they soar continually. These birds can be seen daily flying around the lofty heights. At only two places in the entire island can a town be built, at Avalon and Banning. At these places every summer thousands of people live in muslin houses and tents, spending most of their time in kitchen chairs tilted up against trees, or paddling down to the shore to put their feet in the water; for there is no surf at Catalina and no breakers, but little wavelets that come up the beach in ripples. All along the coast line of the mainland of California breakers as high as a man often come rolling in and it is very hard for a boat to land, but at Catalina the sea is nearly as quiet as a lake. The furniture of the tents and muslin houses is very plain and there is little of it; generally there is a small gasoline stove, a table, two hard chairs and a large cot, and perhaps an old cracker box on which to put the stove. With these few things and in this simple way people live who come from fine houses in Arizona and California, for so great is the heat of some parts of the main land, particularly of Arizona, that people with money will give up all their beautiful surroundings and carriages, to come to this cool quiet place and do nothing but rest.

But there is plenty to do in Santa Catalina, or "The Magic Isle," if you want to be active, only it takes some effort to overcome the gentle balmy air and to feel vigorous. Many people go over with the desire of having a good lively time, but very soon they are victims to the soft, gentle air and do nothing but stand around the beach waiting for

the mail or gazing idly into space. There are wild goats on the distant mountain tops that many people hunt, and about once a month some very good shot brings in the head of one. But very many go out with horses and guns and never come back with goats, for the wild goat is a sly animal and sees the hunter a long time before the hunter sees him. They do say that a few years ago the

other way to have a good time is to take a tallyho ride on the only road on the island, which is cut out of the mountains and cost eight thousand dollars to build; beautiful sea and mountain views reward the traveler.

But the greatest amusement is furnished by the still quiet blue sea, for here thousands of fish of nearly all sizes are waiting the hook of the angler. One of the largest fishes caught by a rod is the tuna, a gamey monster. This fish will take the bait in its mouth and start off pulling the boat perhaps twenty miles before it gets so weak that it cannot go any farther and is hauled in. A Tuna Club is formed at Avalon, giving the person who catches the largest tuna in a season a gold



AVALON, Santa Catalina Island.

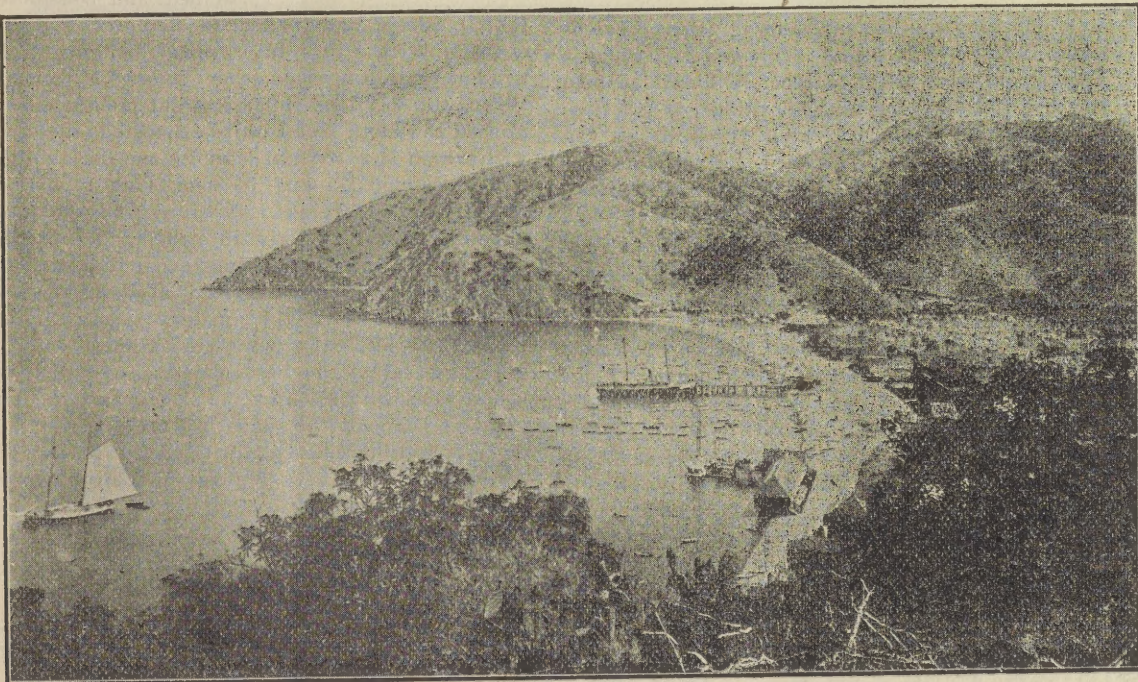
wild goats were all killed, so the owners of the island brought over a shipload of tame goats and fed them on red pepper, which made them all wild, but I have met people who have doubted the truth of this report. Guides always go with hunters, for there are so many mountains, all looking the same, that a stranger would get lost. An-

medal. It takes a man with muscle and perseverance to catch the tuna, for he often keeps a man busy for eight hours. It is wonderful that this immense fish should be caught by a rod and line just like a common mackerel, for it weighs 240 pounds.

Another very pleasant way to pass the time is to take a trip in one of the gasoline launches which go around the island. Then you can sometimes see great whales spouting in the distance and flying fish coming over the boat, and occasionally the great tuna jumping fifteen feet out of the water to catch the flying fish. Another way to spend time is to go out by the rocks in one of those glass-bottomed boats and look down to the bottom of the sea. Fifty feet below you will see a whole forest of sea weed and sea plants, with gold perch and other fish and thousands of little sardines swimming about. Below these on the floor of the ocean you see crawfish, a kind of lobster, and crabs crawling and shell fish of all kinds clinging to the rocks; perhaps you may see the deadly octopus with two dozen arms, a creature that is dangerous to man when it is big enough and has a good hold. On some rocks at the south end of the island are a number of seals which have made lots of money for the boatmen, for all who come to the island feel that they ought to see the seals before they leave.

Then there are sailing and rowing and swimming to amuse the visitor and all those attractions that you usually find at an American watering place. Every evening the band plays at the Pavilion and a few well-dressed people dance while the great crowd looks on, a wise way of having

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ABALONE POINT, Santa Catalina Island.

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



WITH the advent of March, whether it comes in lamb or lion-like guise, there is always a feeling of expectation, of waking up, of that delightful uncertainty which is renewed each day, and which leads you to wonder each morning what you will see before night.

Will it be a robin? For several years past the first week in March has been enriched with a glimpse of this heroic little bird, bravely yodeling from the top of a century old oak which grows near my home. Robin does not care that the oak is now completely hemmed in by houses, that the clanging trolley runs within a few feet of it; he only knows that for ages his ancestors have come to that tree and piped from its branches the earliest tidings of spring, built among its leaves their frail homes of twigs and grass, and mounted from its top to start on that long perilous trip across mountains and valleys, rivers and lakes to a home where summer is perpetual. By March 12 there is much doing; the robins are not here by ones or twos but in numbers.

Nor are they alone the only songsters, for the bluebird trails his "tru-a-li" as he flies about to keep warm, his celestial feathers looking even more azure than usual in contrast with the dullness of the landscape. Flocks of blackbirds take their way from the South to the lake and bay side, and nut hatches explore the tree trunks. If you have courage to leave the beaten tracks of the town, and go among plowed fields and upland you may find walking sedately about a modest bird which seems at home even though snow

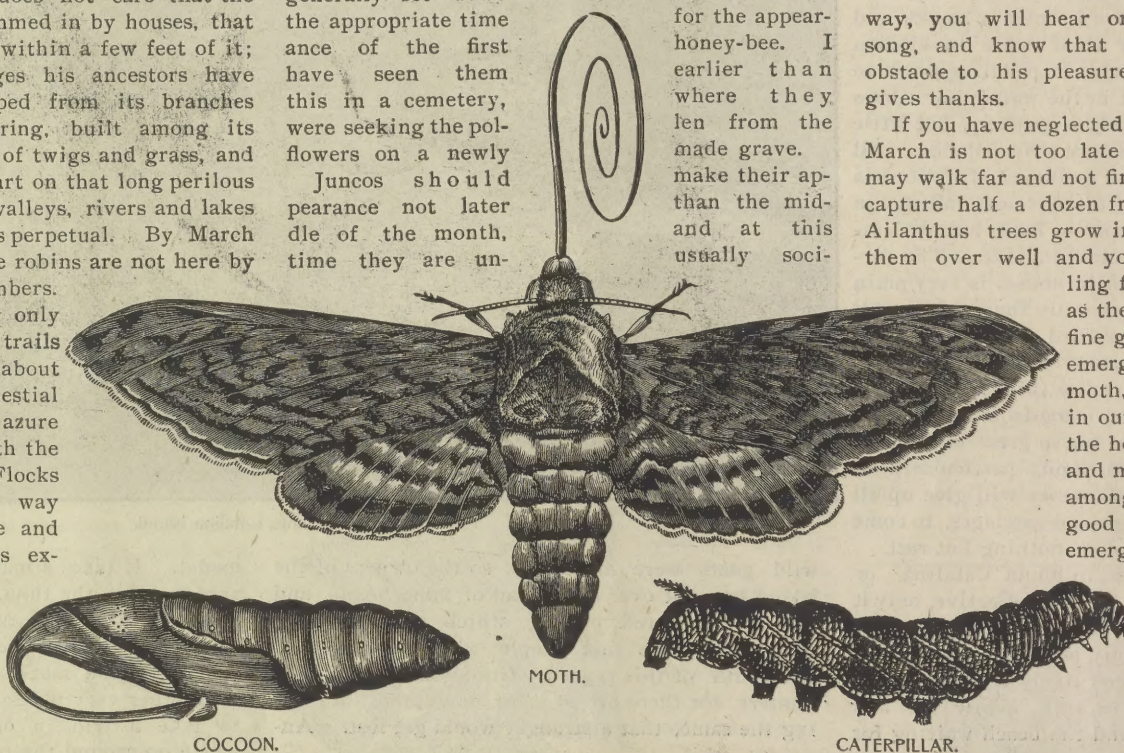
and ice lie in the hollows and the wind nips your fingers as you stare at it with your glass. This will be the Prairie Horned Lark, because of the two little tufts of feathers which adorn either side of its head, and which it can erect at pleasure. Later in the season you may have the pleasure of seeing this bird rise by easy stages up and up, as if climbing a stairway, and at each landing pause-

an occasional tuft of coarse grass and the everlasting or beach-pea. They seemed quite at home there, and he mounted and sang while she remained below quite unmoved by his song but picking up a hearty lunch among the hillocks.

In the woods various green things may be found some which have wintered safely there and some newly grown, under the influence of the spring impetus. Chief among the latter is the Skunk Cabbage beloved by the first bees even though it has an evil name and odor. March twelfth is generally set down the appropriate time

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MOTH.

COCOON.

CATERPILLAR.

able, flocking together and lisping their curious little notes which sound very sweetly when a number of them do it together. This bird may surprise you by doing unusual things; it is a hopping bird, but when the fancy takes it, it can walk as sedately as an oven bird. Have you ever seen one do it? Late in the month there are many joyous surprises. You can never tell when

you will hear a loud bright song from the wood's edge, clear, joyous and incessant, and hurrying there find the biggest, brightest and best of all our sparrows, the Fox sparrow, so called from the bright reddish brown of his back, the same color being used to dot his pretty white vest. If you alarm him he will descend from the bush on which he has been so merrily singing and seek the ground, scratching among the dry and withered leaves with the industry and noise of a barn yard fowl. You may stand for hours with your feet in the bog slowly congealing and never catch another glimpse of him, but hear him scratch, scratch, scratch, till at last out of patience you start for home. As soon as you are out of the

it still asleep, and waked to find the splendid creature with wings fully spread, hanging to the window curtain or some other coign of vantage. When the perilous squeezing out is once accomplished the moth seems quite exhausted, the down with which it is covered is moist and dark and its wings crumpled. But it soon goes to work to remedy this, waving its wings and pumping moisture from its body into them, the body decreasing in size and the wings expanding till the beautiful creature has arrived at its highest degree of perfection, the imago or perfect insect. Its life is brief, but a few days at most, and it does not eat. The best plan with regard to cocoons is to keep them in some place where the temperature is about the same as the outdoor air. Then it will not emerge till its proper season, and after noting its beauty you can let it fly away and fulfill its mission. If you turn over the rubbish in a garden where potatoes or tomatoes were grown the previous year you may come across a curious looking object



Fox Sparrow.

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PRAIRIE HORNED LARK.



SKUNK CABBAGE.

way, you will hear once more the bright joyous song, and know that his meal finished, and the obstacle to his pleasure removed, he rises and gives thanks.

If you have neglected to gather your cocoons, March is not too late to repair the error. You may walk far and not find a single one, and then capture half a dozen from a single bush. If any Ailanthus trees grow in your neighborhood look them over well and you will probably find dang-

ling from some of the "whips" as the children call them, some fine gray cocoons. From these emerge the showy Ailanthus moth, a stranger and foreigner in our land, coming from Asia the home of the Ailanthus tree; and making itself quite at home among us. If you have the good fortune to see a moth emerge from its cocoon you are indeed lucky. Being nocturnal insects they generally choose the night in which to come forth. Many a time I have examined a cocoon just before going to bed and considered

An After Thought And What Came of It.

By Susan Hubbard Martin

Mary Ann Clough walked up the trim, well-kept walk that led to Mrs. Priscilla Hathaway's door. She was very tired, for she had been a long way that morning: clear out to the old Haines place that stood at the extreme edge of the village. Her black dress looked rustier than ever with the dust of the road upon it, and on her worn face was a pinched and sunken look that betokened lack of nourishment as well as weariness.

She had been out to collect a bill for some sewing done months ago, for Amanda Haines went her languid improvident way without troubling her head much about unpaid bills.

Mary Ann found her in the kitchen reading a paper-covered book. There was a pile of unwashed dishes on the table.

"Is that you, Mary Ann?" she said surprisedly, lifting her eyes from her absorbing paper. "Come right in and sit down if you can find a place. I haven't tidied up this morning. I thought I'd just sit down and rest a while. I haven't that money yet, Mary Ann," she added placidly. "Maybe I'll have it the next time you come. Dreadful dry weather, ain't it, and you—you're looking thin, Mary Ann. What you're not goin' already?"

Mary Ann drew on her cotton gloves with a sigh. "I guess I'd better," she answered. "There was no use in asking Mandy Haines for money," she thought hopelessly. "If she had it, she'd only spend it for something else."

So the long, dusty walk had been a fruitless one after all, and Mary Ann was well-nigh exhausted when she reached Mrs. Priscilla's gate. Work had been scarce of late and all Mary Ann had had for breakfast that morning had been some very weak tea and some very dry toast.

Mary Ann was small and thin, and not very strong. Her scant brown hair was drawn tightly back from a pair of blue-veined temples, and her shoulders drooped pitifully. Old Mrs. Scarborough always declared that Mary Ann would go into consumption like the rest of her family, but contrary

to all prophecies, Mary Ann lived along with nothing more alarming than a look of extreme delicacy and a lack of strength.

Mary Ann was forty now, with the best part of her youth behind her. Such a struggle it had been, too; but with all her discouragements, Mary Ann never lost her faith. It would be sure to come out right, she thought some day.

It was one o'clock when she walked up to Mrs. Priscilla's door. There was a faint hope in her heart that Mrs. Priscilla might ask her to stay to dinner. Even a cup of tea would be thankfully received, poor Mary Ann thought, for Mrs. Priscilla's tea was always good.

Mrs. Priscilla was plump and well-favored and prided herself on her good housekeeping. Her husband had died some years before, and there had been no children. So with a tidy little sum in the bank, Mrs. Priscilla settled herself to a life of comfort. She never seemed to mind the solitude, but busied herself with her cat and her bird, her preserves and her cake, and her really fine housekeeping. Once in a while she invited some of her old friends in to tea. Invitations from her were always hailed with anticipated pleasure, for, as I have said, she was a notable cook, and her guests were sure of all kinds of culinary triumphs.

She came to the door now, in answer to Mary Ann's knock. "Why, Mary Ann," she said in a pleased voice, "come right in. You look about fagged out. Here, sit here."

She drew a rocking chair into the centre of the room, and Mary Ann sank into it.

"I've been out to the Haines place," she explained wearily. "Mandy owed me a little money, and as I needed it just now, I thought I'd make a trip there."

Mrs. Priscilla threw a shrewd glance in Mary Ann's direction.

"You ought to have known better, delicate as you are," retorted Mrs. Priscilla a little shortly. "Of course, you didn't get it?"

"No," replied Mary Ann faintly. "I didn't."

She rested her head against the gay patchwork cushion at her back. How tired, how very tired she was. It seemed to her she couldn't go a step farther. If only Mrs. Priscilla would offer her a cup of tea, but she seemed quite unmindful of the

needs of the pale, anxious little woman opposite.

"I'm sorry you didn't come earlier," she announced, seating herself in her own particular chair, and folding her plump hands in her lap. "I had a real good dinner today, roast beef and dressing, apple dumplings and sauce, but the dishes are all washed now. Most people who live alone," she added, "get into the habit of not cooking any. I never did. I always keep my table set just the same as I did when Benjamin was alive. I really believe I owe my perfect health to three good meals a day."

Mary Ann sighed gently. "You look well," she answered. "A great deal younger than I do, and we're about the same age. But I've had a harder time than you, my dear. I've always had to work for what I've had."

Her eyes roamed over the comfortable room with its wide lounge, its white dimity curtains, its bright carpet and easy chairs.

"Yes," said Mrs. Priscilla, smoothing her white apron complacently, "Benjamin was always a good provider and left me enough to keep me comfortable. I wish you had some one to look after you, Mary Ann."

Mary Ann shook her head. "It's too late to wish that now," she answered quietly. "I'm not getting any younger, and I never had your good looks, Priscilla. As long as I can work I can manage some way. When I can't—"

She got up wearily. "I guess I'll be getting along," she said.

"Hadn't you better rest awhile longer?" suggested Mrs. Priscilla kindly, but Mary Ann declined gently.

As she went down the narrow walk in her dusty dress, her tired shoulders drooped more than usual.

Mrs. Priscilla watched her from the door way. "My stars," she whispered to herself, as she stood there, "how old and fagged Mary Ann does look. Any one would think she was a good ten years older than I am. She seemed discouraged too. I'm afraid Mary Ann ain't a doing very well, but then she ain't one of the complaining kind. She must have needed money pretty bad though, to walk clear out to the Haines place for it."

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(Continued From February Issue.)

"Yes, I remember. I suppose the Varian crash came in time to prevent your marriage?"

"It would not have prevented it if I had had my own way. But Una—she was only eighteen, but she was not like other girls of that age—she had very strict ideas of right and wrong. She—wrote to me—said that now Lord Mauleverer could never consent; that our marriage would injure me; and she said good-by—she would see me no more. I hurried to the house in Q—Square. Miss Varian had left it that morning, and no one there knew where she meant to go. But I did not give her up. My little princess! to leave her to poverty and—to—I did all I could to find her. When all else failed, I went to the prison and saw Mr. Varian—tried to see him, I mean, for he refused to admit me. I was at the trial, but Una was not there. I knew that she had not a relation left in the world—the aunt in Naples with whom she used to live was dead. Of all her father's riches not a penny remained—the claims against him swallowed them all. I was—half mad. At last I succeeded in seeing Mr. Varian before he was removed from London. He told me he had done his utmost to persuade Una to let him tell me where to find her, and that she had solemnly declared that she would disappear even from him unless he kept her secret."

"Philip, the girl cannot have loved you," said I.

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"It was her love that gave her strength to be cruel," he answered. "I knew that; I never doubted it. She loved me, and she loves me; I know it. Well, I searched still; but though sometimes I got a clew, she baffled me completely. Then I got my appointment, and next day came a letter from her begging me to accept it and go away; that I would forget her, and that she was ill from the fear of being found by me. She said her father, when released, would have none but her—in fact, she made it my duty to go, and I went."

"You went to Vienna," I put in, as he seemed to forget to go on.

"Yes. After getting that letter I felt that I could do nothing until—as long as Mr. Varian lived. I heard that he was released in consequence of his health having failed, and then I heard that he was dead. That was ten years ago. If you remember, I came home then, but I failed to find her."

"And you have failed always, I suppose?" said I.

"Five years ago Charles Perronet came to see me, and in the course of conversation he let me know that he had seen Una at Messrs. Cassell & Pyne's shop, where she was working at that time. It was some years since he saw her, and he knew nothing more of her; but I came home. But Cassell & Pyne had entirely lost sight of her. Not long after her father's death she left them. I fancied that there was some reticence in Mr. Cassell's manner, but he declared he knew nothing more. If you remember, Frances, Miss Smith was in Scotland or Wales, on a sketching expedition, when I came here to see you?"

"Yes; I remember the time very well," said I. But though I spoke in an every-day fashion, I was beginning to wonder what all this might mean. I looked at Mary; she was still knitting feverishly.

"But," said I, "what I want to know is, why you have told me all this, Philip? You said that some day, when it was no longer a painful subject, you would tell me all; but I fear that you are very far from having forgotten this girl, who, mind you, can be a girl no longer, nor even a very young woman. Perhaps she married when she left these people—Cassell, or whatever you call them."

"If I knew that she is married, I should never wish to see her. If she has outlived the memory of me and our one happy year, twenty years ago, then I will say no more. But unless I failed to understand Una—and I loved her too well for that—she would not change nor forget. And I speak

tonight, and I begged Miss Smith to be present, because I have no doubt that she can tell me where Una Varian is, and I want Una to understand how things now are. She can no longer fear that she can injure my career. I am too high in my profession to be injured in that way. She cannot say now that I shall repent having estranged myself from society for her sake, because society and I have been estranged these twenty years. I have been a lonely man, though I have never learned to love loneliness. I have longed for a home, a companion, a wife—my wife, for none but Una could I think of in that way. I am no longer a very young man. If Una chooses, she can make me happy even now; if she won't, no one else shall. I must get on as best I can, finding life dreary work, as I have found it for twenty years—very nearly half my life. And, finally, listen to this note from my dear old father, written after hearing my story for the first time, this very day:—

"My Dear Miss Varian.—Make my boy happy. I am very old, and I should like to see Philip happy before I die. 'Mauleverer.'"

There. I have said my say—I can do no more."

I understood matters now. I held my breath and looked at Mary. I whispered, "Mary, speak—you cannot—you must not—refuse!"

Mary had dropped her knitting, and was bent forward with her face hidden in her hands.

"What can I say? what ought I to do?" she said wildly.

Philip got up and walked over to her; he took her two hands and gently raised her till she stood before him. Then he pulled off the shawl she was wrapped in, and quietly removed the hideous spectacles. Finally, he took off her cap, and all these "goods and chattels" he flung recklessly into a corner.

"Did you think these things could hide you from me, Una?" he asked. "I knew your hands, dear, the moment I saw them, as you sat over there making tea."

"I am so changed, Philip."

"But you are still the one woman in the world for me," he answered. "At last, Una!"

For she had flung her arms around him—and for some time I had the comfortable assurance that my presence was entirely forgotten. Of course I at once wanted to cough, but I choked myself gallantly. Not for worlds would I have reminded them that I was there, and, alas! could not steal away.

Philip had told his story so fully that there was very little left for Mary—I shall never be able to call her anything else—to explain to me. She assured me, when next morning we had a long talk, that but for the state of my health she would have left me when Philip returned to England. But she felt certain that he would not recognize her, she was so altered.

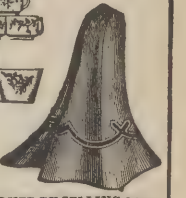
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"And I thought, too, that he probably no longer cared to find me," she went on; "but somehow, the moment I saw him, I knew that he did care. And it seemed to me such a pity. I looked round the room at so many bright young faces, and I said to myself, 'He might marry one of these girls, and yet his heart is so true—and so full of pity that he would think himself bound to me, even now. I wonder—ought I to have gone away then? I wonder if I am doing right now?'"

"If you are doing wrong, Mary, I must really insist upon your persevering in the ways of error. I think I see myself facing Philip with the news that you have again disappeared. My dear, you are one of those women who have a morbid love of self-sacrifice; but I have none, and I decline to be demolished by Philip in his despair. I shall keep a sharp lookout, and on the first suspicion, Essie shall lock you up in your room. You don't escape until you are safely transformed into Mrs. Philip Mauleverer—as you ought to have been twenty years ago."

"You don't really think that," said Mary.
"Well—ten years ago, then. When you came to me. You were free then."

"What would his father have said? Philip was then quite young, and you remember what I looked like. And with my dear father's sin and disgrace still a thing of yesterday? No; the kindest thing I could do was, to keep out of his way. It is different now—I see that. Even his father sees it. As nothing else will satisfy him—Ah, I hope I shall be able to make him happy!"

"Of his happiness I have no doubt," said I. "The person to be pitied is, I think, my poor old cross grained self."

"Will you do one thing for me?" said Mary, kneeling down beside me and kissing me tenderly. "Do not get any one in my place till we come home. Philip told me he means to be married quietly, at once, and then his heart is set on taking me to Vienna that he may show me the places where he used to—make a fool of himself, I'm afraid. Then, when we come home, will you ask us to stay here with you for a while, and then we'll see about my successor?"

To all this I consented; and I must say that Philip lost no time in carrying out his part of the programme. In one poor fortnight from the evening on which he frightened me half out of my wits, they were married by special license here in my drawing-room, Lord Mauleverer and myself being the only witnesses, except Essie, who wept in the background. And they are no doubt in Vienna now.

Well—I will not be selfish! But I do feel very lonely, and no one will ever be to me what Mary was. No one gets such a treasure twice. And a treasure you were to me, Mary

Smith—a sister and a friend. Una Varian belongs to Philip, but Mary Smith is all my own.

I do not find myself much the better for having written this account of my woes; and I shall lay it by, that I may add an account of Mary's successor. For I cannot do without some one—that is the worst of it. And how I shall detest that poor 'some one.'"

CHAPTER VI.

THE READING OF THE MANUSCRIPT.

Six months later.
"Frances, what is this manuscript, all in your own writing? And I see our names in it."

"Oh, I know what it is; my safety-valve. I wrote it while you and Philip were abroad."

"May I look at it? Why, it's a regular history of ourselves, I can see that. I shall get Philip to read it to us this evening; so, now, if you have been saying anything nasty of either of us, you'll be put to shame."

"Very good," said I.
Una kept her word, and as we sat cosily by the fire—I lay, but that did not destroy the cosiness—Philip was informed that I had been "turning him into a novel." And the manuscript being produced, he set to work to read it. When he had finished the first chapter, he remarked—

"Was I really such a wet blanket as you have depicted, Fan?"

"Oh, I declare I don't think I have exaggerated, Philip?"

"Dear me!" said he, thoughtfully; "and all about—um—well, well!"

Mary laughed, and said—
"Go on, Philip; I want to hear more about Mary Smith."

Philip went on—but how he did laugh at the idea of my asking Mary if she had just escaped from a lunatic asylum—which was his version of the question I put to her.

"And in all sincerity, Frances, what a rash woman you were! I declare you proved yourself fit for an asylum yourself! Well, all's well that ends well, but this story ought to conclude with the discovery of a plot on the part of Miss Smith to let in her friends the burglars to rob the house and murder you."

"Instead of which she 'very foolishly married the barber,'" said I; "but go on reading, if you wish to finish this thrilling tale, for I cannot sit up all night."

He took up the manuscript, and this time he finished it. Una cried more when the scene between Philip and herself was thus brought back to
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And an evil name will leap to fame
While a good name scarce appears.
But the rank weed dies in a single night,
While the rare plant still lives on,
And the evil name will sink to shame,
While the good name's in its dawn.

The way that is won without any work
Is not worth winning at all—
A sudden light—a meteor flight—
A sparkle—a trial and a fall.
Fear not brave heart, whate'er thy lot,
Like the coral, build deep in the sea,
And a beautiful land with a glittering stand
Shall owe its existence to thee.

And if failure be thy part, O heart!
What compensation shalt thou find
For thy weary years and bitter tears,
And thy mission half divined?
But this can comfort bring to thee,
That like a sounding bell,
Men shall say on thy judgment day,
"This little work is done well!"

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Young Mothers.

Just why so many generations of mothers have accepted their lot as one of suffering before and self-annihilation after the child comes, and have been cheerful or resigned according to

temperament or habit, and, with pitiful devotion to dull details have become perfect domestic machines, without a flaw, from dusting to dishwashing, never too ill or tired to see to every patch, darn, or loose button, given to endless cooking and baking—in short, veritable Marthas who need a loving reproof despite their many virtues as did the old-time Martha.—it is hard to comprehend save by one thought, that of the monotonous round of "duties" minus all inspirations to which past generations were devoted from birth. To be a female meant not to exercise any God-sent genius or talent outside certain lines. Women had no need of education beyond very shallow bounds. Alas, what loss to the world this misunderstood sphere of womanhood has caused!

Education is a benefit to the race when the mothers can use their education to form the unborn mind and body to helpful states, in which the soul may thrive and grow to perfection, love, and happiness.

Dear young mothers, past generations may well envy you. The fullness of days, the harvest of other's experiences the tribute of science, the world's peace—all lie at your feet. Will you use the treasure and make your child pre-natally good, great, wise; or, will you doubt and shake your heads? Will you look backward and trust some old woman's fable and lose your blessed chance? I beg every one of you who is interested, those to whom the annunciation angel has spoken, to write me your wish to learn more of this matter. Never shrink from investigating. When so grand a call is yours, not to seek the truth is perilous. I will gladly start you on your search by some facts which will cheer your heart. Do not expect the great Creator to work a miracle of mercy and specially endow your child when you merely drift, perhaps are selfish and feel nothing but pining and regret, indulge in tears, fret, scold, and mutely rebel. Instead, be undaunted, even though you have learned too late that heredity (and a line of vicious, intemperate ancestors is a heavy curse) is too likely to doom your child to degradation, mental and moral. Aye, smile, dear hearts, and your own sunniness shall enrich the unconscious babe, even though you see and feel the environment is also very hard, very apt to pollute. Mother's purity, mother's patient love, with a well-born, well-trained child shall alter into beauty

all those jagged rocks and hide those thorns which cause you so many tears. My message is not theory and I tell you so strongly of this new Gospel because it is my duty to aid even one mother—God grant it be one hundred—to prevent evil. Think of the cures in which countless life energies are spent—prisons, reformatories, asylums. Were you convinced that prevention could be used would you risk the need of a cure?

Inspiration will seize you and banish all the fears and false pride, and materialistic thoughts. You will feel you are, by God's wisdom and mercy, creating good. Trust me, little as I know of this grand new fact I have seen proofs of the wonders of pernatal culture.

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Hannah More.

How triumphant I feel! At last one of our dear grandmothers (who is mother of six and an expert nurse) has answered my appeal for a letter full of wise bits of her experiences. Just note, too, she sends us a poem! And in it condenses much 'tis wise to remember.

Letting Baby Alone.

When a baby is born, don't toss it about,
Or fill it with slops that will make it cry out:
Don't bind it with girdles, and prick it with pins,
And cause it to suffer because of your sins.

God willed it to live both happy and free,
But Fashion has made it as cross as can be,
For the dear little babies are not used just right—
Put yourself in their places, you would quarrel and fight.

The baby that's laid on a soft, downy bed,
With loose, flowing garments, and is properly fed,
Will be joy to the mother and the sunshine of home.

So, don't toss the baby—but let it alone.

How weary you'd be if all the day long
You were tossed up and jiggled and deafened by song.

So pity the babies and care for them right.
Then you will have comfort by day and by night.

We must thank Mrs. Lewis for the truths told in her poem. Babies need interpreters, I fear.

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Dashing from our lips the pleasure
Of the present, while we sigh,
You may know this mischief-maker
For his name is "By-and-By."

When the calls of duty haunt us,
And the present seems to be
All the time that ever mortals
Snatch from far eternity,
Then a fairy hand seems painting
Pictures on a distant sky:
For a cunning little artist
Is this fairy, "By-and-By."

Selected.

Birthday Rhyme for March.

Who in this world of ours their eyes
In March first open, shall be wise;
In days of peril firm and brave,
And wear a Hyacinth to their grave.

As Others See Us.

"Who was that pulled my tail?" said the cross old monkey sitting in the corner of the cage. "I won't have my tail pulled, do you hear? If any one pulls my tail again, I'll—"

"Well, what will you do, Cross-patch?" said a small brown monkey. "Do tell us; we should so like to know." And he threw a nutshell at the cross old monkey which hit him on the nose and made him crosser than ever.

"I'll complain to the keeper," said the old monkey. "I'll steal all your dinners. I'll—I'll—I'll do something dreadful to you."

"Oh, go along," said the little brown monkey. "Let's have a game of 'touch tails.' You're 'he!'" And he gave a hard tug at the cross old monkey's tail, then darted away up to the top of the cage, with the old one after him and a number of other small monkeys after him, giving a pull at his tail every now and then, till he didn't know which one to attack first, and finally gave it up as a bad job and retired to his corner again, jabbering away to himself as to what he would do, while all the others danced about with delight and swung to and fro on the ropes, chuckling with enjoyment.

"What a noise those monkeys do make to be sure!" said the chimpanzee to the orangoutangs. "I really think something should be done to stop them."

"Oh, here come some of those little men-things!" said one of the orangoutangs. "What queer things they are! Are they really relations of ours, do you suppose?"

"I don't know," said the chimpanzee, "but I must say they are very poor relations if they are. Whatever do they put on all those ridiculous things for?"

"Yes," said the oldest orangoutang. "And what very short arms they have! I don't believe they'd be any good at swinging about on trees, do you?"

"I am sure they wouldn't," answered the chimpanzee.

"And then their feet! Do you know they can't use their feet at all for holding on to things as we can? Isn't it silly! They're so ashamed of them that they cover them up in things they call boots; it must be very uncomfortable."

"Have you noticed what they do with nuts?" said the very small orangoutang. "There was a boy here once who wanted to eat a nut, and he would have cracked it in the regular way, his mother said to him, 'Don't do that, my dear, you'll spoil your teeth.' Just fancy!"

"Ah, but have you ever seen one of those very small men-things?" said the chimpanzee. "The things they call 'long clothes' babies! They are the most absurd creatures you ever saw in your life. They are covered with white things (which must get dreadfully in the way) and they can't do a single thing for themselves. They can't walk and they can't talk, and they don't eat fruits—they just lie still, and sometimes they feebly kick about and wave their funny little arms; and the strange part of it is that their mothers and fathers seem quite proud of them. I'm very glad we never were like them."

"So am I," said all the orangoutangs at once. "But why do these men-things wear such a lot of things over their skins?" said the eldest.

"Oh, they don't know any better," said the chimpanzee. "You know they are not nearly so strong as we are."

"Ah, but they're very artful, some of them," said the eldest orangoutang. "I should think if they were caught young you might be able to teach them to do a lot of tricks."

"I dare say," replied the chimpanzee. "Only I expect it would take a lot of trouble and time."

"I'm glad I'm not a man-thing; it must be horrid to have to wear clothes," remarked the youngest orangoutang.

"There are those monkeys again," said the chimpanzee. "I wonder what they are doing now. They are always up to some game or other. I declare they are nearly as foolish as men."

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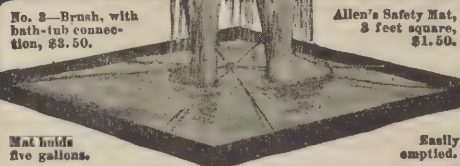
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EDITORIAL.

Smoothly and lightly the golden seed by the furrow is covered. *Goethe.*

"He who owns the soil, owns up to the sky."

"A field hath three needs: good weather, good seed, and a good husbandman."

Were I to preach a sermon on horticulture, I would take as my text: "Stir the soil."

*A. J. Downing.*Blessed be agriculture! if one does not have too much of it. *Charles Dudley Warner.*

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Daniel Webster.

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As for marigolds, poppies, hollyhocks and valorous sunflowers, we shall never have a garden without them, both for their own sake, and for the sake of the old-fashioned folks who used to love them. *Henry Ward Beecher.*

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A wild rose, or rock-loving columbine,
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Let the garden be a vegetable garden with fruit trees, and let there be slender flowers all along the edges, and a concourse of standard rose trees, for the sake of gathering the roses, peas in rows, with the twigs they grow upon delicate against the light, all gentle and fortunate and useful.

Alice Meynell.

I think your magazine is well worth the price asked for it; I like something good and to the point.—S. W., Alameda, Cal.

Among the fragrant, hardy plants which made the old-fashioned gardens so delightful, were the grass, or June pinks. They are still to be obtained of the florists, and if you have none, a few roots, or a border of them, will give you great pleasure.

We like the magazine very much and find it very helpful.—Mrs. L. J. P., Hamlin, N. Y.

The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something for the good of the world. He belongs to the producers. It is a pleasure to eat the fruits of one's toil, if it be nothing more than a head of lettuce or an ear of corn.

Charles Dudley Warner.

I still find your magazine a help and a pleasure.—Mrs. A. S., Delaware, Ohio.

Like the love of music, books and pictures, the love of gardens comes with culture, and with the ripening of the home life. The love of gardens, as of every beautiful and refined thing, must increase to the end of time. More and more must the sympathies enlarge. There must be more points of contact with the world. Life ever becomes richer. Gardening is more than the growing of plants; it is the expression of desire.

L. H. Bailey.

Your magazine is, without question, the best of its kind published.—E. L. P., East Paris Mich.

See "Special Notice" on Page 23.

A copy of the December issue of Vick's Magazine reached me through the kindness of a friend. I had never had the pleasure of examining your magazine before, and I must say I am delighted with it. I have noted your generous club offers, and am anxious to avail myself of the opportunity of securing such a good paper for so little money.—Mrs. E. S., Sabbath Rest, Pa.

A good gardener plans for early products. The garden is looked to for food supplies for the table, or for pure income in the case of marketing, and a week gained in earliness of crops counts for just so much. One easy way of gaining a little advance for earliness, especially of heatlovers, like beans, cucumbers and that class, is to build a soil shelter. This consists merely of drawing up a ridge of earth to the north or windward side of the row, as protection on the one hand from raw winds, and on the other to catch the sunbeats. The row can be thrown up with a small plow, care being taken not to have the soil fall over and cover the seed too deeply.

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

March Suggestions.

Don't forget to uncover the strawberry beds that were covered last fall. If it is not done about the time they begin to feel the warmth of Spring-time they will be choked or smothered and so injured. In the more northern regions this will not occur until April, or even later in the far north, but in some parts of the South the strawberry is in bloom as early as March, or even earlier.

Trim the grape vines without waiting another day. Have it done and off the mind before the soil is ready to give the first touch with the plow. While it does not hurt them to be pruned when they "bleed" it is well to have all done in good time. Some think that if they do not get the pruning done before the vines bleed that it should not be done that year. This is a mistake, for I have proved it by several trials. The bad look is the worst thing about it. All that runs out at the cut places is mostly water, and the roots will at once supply plenty more.

Begin the Spraying.—The time to prevent peach curl is just before the buds open. The germs are there and they should be well coated with Bordeaux mixture, which will kill them and save the tender leaves, that are soon to come out, from the ravages of the disease. If the leaves are not healthy neither can the peaches flourish, and sometimes they drop off from this cause. The apple diseases also need this early spraying. The germs of some of them are lurking on the branches and they cannot endure sulphate of copper. It does good to spray the rose bushes, too. They are often affected with rust, leaf spot, etc., and this sovereign remedy for plant diseases of most kinds will fit their case. In fact, there is scarcely a tree, bud or vine that may not be benefited in some measure by spraying before the leaves come out. The wise physician does not wait for the diseases to get a strong hold on his patients before he takes steps to arrest them. We are plant doctors if we are up-to-date horticulturists.

No Oats in Orchards.

It has been many years since I first made the statement that a crop of oats is the next thing to a fire in an orchard. This feeling was forced upon me by the many injurious results I had seen in the orchards of others, (but never in my own), and I have seen no reason to change or even modify the statement.

All the small grains are injurious to orchards of any age. While the trees are young and a large part of the ground is not permeated by their roots, hence not needed for their use, it is both reasonable and wise to utilize that part of it with temporary crops. But these crops should be such as require tillage, and especially in the spring and early summer. Corn is not, a bad crop if not planted very close to the trees. Potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, cotton, melons or almost anything that requires frequent stirring of the soil will do.

But oats are the worst of all the small grains for orchards, because they not only draw largely on the fertility of the soil but require a very great quantity of moisture. There are great differences between crops in the amount of water necessary to pass through them to the air from the soil in the course of growth. Oats are among the most greedy in this respect. Anyone who has farmed, very much knows how an oat crop leaves the ground. And then, it grows so late in the season. It is after rye and wheat are in the shock, and sometimes stacked or threshed, that the oat crop is cut. Whatever may be done or not done with the orchard soil do not afflict it with an oat crop.

The Niagara Peach.

Among the very good peaches of recent introduction is the Niagara. It is of the same season as Early Crawford and of about the same color and size. At the Pan-American Exposition it was one of the best of all the peaches exhibited there, and this includes about all of any value.

This variety was named Niagara after the county of that name in New York where it originated as a seedling. It was tested at first in a small way in the orchards of a few well posted fruit growers and found to be better in bearing than the famous old Early Crawford. It is large, yellow, richly flavored, a clear freestone and about as good a peach as anyone needs.

Grafting Cherry and Plum Trees.

The usual time to graft cherry and plum trees is at the first opening of spring. They are much more successfully grafted at that season than later, when the proper time comes for grafting apple and pear trees. The methods are the same for all these fruits, which are the common cleft or split graft, the splice or tongue graft and occasionally the saddle graft.

There is another way to graft the cherry and plum, that has lately been tested and found to be very good. This is to cut the scions early, while they are entirely dormant, store them in a refrigerator or in the sawdust of an ice house, that they may remain dormant and keep them so until the trees have started to grow, when the grafting is done. This latter plan requires more care in doing the work but a greater per cent grow.

H. E. VanDeman.

The Anjou Pear is considered by us one of the finest early winter varieties. It is so large and handsome, and of such fine quality, that it has not an equal of its season for the table. It succeeds pretty generally, and would be more widely grown if it did not possess the fault of dropping. The fruit is so large, and the stem is so short, that the storms of September sometimes cause it to fall from the tree. In spite of this difficulty it will be grown by those desiring the best. The tree is a good grower and bearer, and the fruit keeps well up to January. It should be included in every collection for the garden, and may be recommended for the orchard, whenever the location is not exposed or when means of shelter from high winds has been provided for the protection of the crop. *American Agriculturist.*

Plans are already being made by several New England cities for an active spraying campaign to rescue the elms and other shade trees from insect attacks. Worcester, Springfield, New Haven and other cities have already carried on works of this kind, and good results are expected. A. H. Kirkland, State entomologist, recommends thorough spraying twice a year, beginning before the leaf buds have opened in March, as the only preventive of the destruction of shade and fruit trees. To do such spraying as recommended, a town could procure an outfit for \$75 or \$100, and persons could hire this apparatus for use on their own grounds. If the privilege were extended to orchardists in the vicinity, then a work might be commenced that would prove even more important than the saving of shade trees. *American Cultivator.*

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Western New York Horticultural Society

BY FLORENCE BECKWITH.

Though this Society has nearly reached the half century mark of its existence, its Fortyeighth Annual Meeting showed no signs of decrease in interest and enthusiasm among its members. The meetings have always had far more than a local interest and influence, and this one was no exception to the general rule. The papers read were of great interest and practical worth, and in all respects the gathering was an unqualified success.

The display of fruit was especially fine. The New York State Experiment Station at Geneva had an exhibit of about one hundred seventy-five varieties of apples, all neatly labeled and making a beautiful display. Some thirty or more varieties of pears were shown by Ellwanger and Barry, also a large collection of grapes and some fine apples. Other contributions of fruit from growers in New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Ontario and British Columbia were shown, and spraying pumps and horticultural implements of various kinds.

We give brief abstracts of some of the principal papers presented. A full report of the proceedings will be issued about the middle of March and can be obtained by sending one dollar to the Secretary of the Society, Mr. John Hall, Rochester, N. Y.

Professor L. H. Bailey in an address on the "Baldwin and Ben Davis" said they were not ideal apples, but they were the best of their kind for general purposes, and characteristic of a new country, consequently more of them were grown than other varieties. Out of ten points Ben Davis would only score five or six in quality, and the Baldwin six or seven, but until the fruit growers furnished in sufficient quantity other varieties of as good keeping and carrying qualities, the people would continue to demand these two kinds. Great progress has been made in cultivating the soil, in fertilizers, and in spraying, and the entomologists have given a fund of information, but little has been done toward bringing forward new varieties to take the place of the Baldwin and Ben Davis. There is, however, a prospect of the market for these two apples breaking up, and Professor Bailey advocated planting small volunteer orchards of twenty-five trees by way of experimenting with new varieties to find those that would be profitable. In the discussion which followed, Professor Bailey characterized the Ben Davis as the

best for commerce and the worst for dessert.

Mr. McNeill said that in London (England) the Ben Davis sold for more than the Northern Spy. The Fameuse, or Snow apple, was the best raised in Canada, but it required better care in cultivating, packing and getting to market, consequently those who shipped that variety abroad lost money. England likes red apples for Christmas; later, Greenings sell well.

Mr. Hooker said that with the Ben Davis and Baldwin it was a question of the survival of the fittest; the people settled the question and the Baldwin headed the list.

Mr. Collingwood said the Ben Davis was like a rubber ball; discussion of it helped to keep it before the people and he had concluded the best thing to do was to say little about it. Give the thousands of people who eat Ben Davis a better apple, and that would settle the question.

Mr. Barry said that if the public knew the difference they would demand better apples; and it was the duty of this society to cultivate the taste of the people.

In regard to good varieties, Mr. Wood stated that he had planted 2,000 Rome Beauty, Wealthy, and Duchess of Oldenburg.

As to how early an orchard would bear profitable crops, it depended on the condition of the trees, and forty or fifty years would probably be the limit as to age. The Yellow Transparent and Wagner were mentioned as early bearing varieties. The Wealthy is a good fancy variety but too early for a good market apple. The York Imperial was said not to be adapted to Western New York; it does not do well at Geneva, is small and not high colored; further south it does better.

Professor S. A. Beach, of the New York Experiment Station, Geneva, gave an interesting paper on "Observations in Spraying Apple Orchards in 1902," concluding as follows:

"It is certainly desirable to guard against the leaf injury from spray mixture and the late development of apple scab and fruit rot. It should be remembered, however, that the weather conditions in 1902 were unusually favorable to the development of these troubles, and it may be many years before a similar recurrence of them is seen.

"Should similar conditions appear again, it would be well, for the purpose of preventing spray injury, to use lime in great excess during or following excessively rainy periods in June. Should conditions seem to require it, an additional application of Bordeaux mixture should also be made in mild summer, to head off the late attacks of the apple scab.

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"Winter treatments undoubtedly help to hold the scab in check, but where spraying can be done thoroughly, as has been suggested, the additional winter treatment can hardly be expected to pay expenses."

In discussing the question as to whether spraying, on the whole, was injurious or beneficial last season, Professor John Craig said that it paid better than ever before. The continued rains caused fungi and other enemies to flourish and the foliage was injured by the spraying mixture. In some cases the leaves and one-third to one-half of the fruit fell from the trees, but new leaves came out and the fruit left was clean. To get good effects without hurting the foliage always use plenty of lime. In wet seasons, use two or three times the amount the ordinary formula calls for. No better mixture than Bordeaux is yet known. There is no danger of using too much lime if you use plenty of power. He had tried molasses, but was not satisfied that it was any good.

In replying to question as to whether spraying with oil in winter would do as much good as Bordeaux, a member gave as his opinion that crude petroleum was a grand thing. Sulphur, lime and salt had proved an effectual remedy for the San Jose scale in New Jersey. Pure headlight oil, applied in February had killed the scale and not the trees.

One of the most interesting papers of the meeting was by Mr. Alexander McNeill, Acting Chief of Fruit Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada, on the "Grading of Apples." Mr. McNeill said the box was undoubtedly the coming package and advocated a closer classification of apples. He told of the measure passed by the Canadian Parliament for the regulation of grading, but advised that fruit growers be more particular than was required by the Canadian law, which was necessarily not very exacting, since it must be workable, and allowance must be made for the fact that apples were usually packed by men who were not specially competent, and were, therefore, not too discriminating. In part he said:

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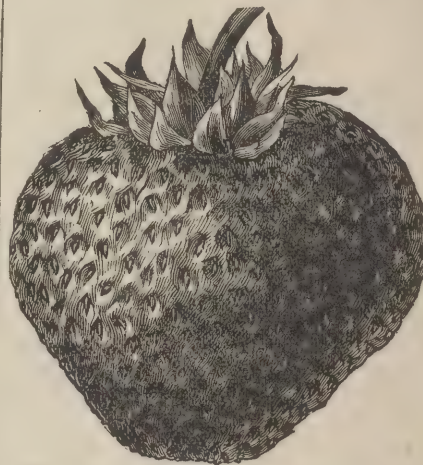
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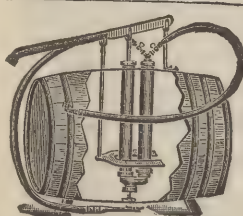
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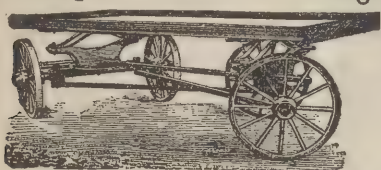
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"Collar rot of peaches is a disease that has been prevalent in certain parts of the state during the past year. The cause of this is said to be winter injury, and this is probably correct. The frequent, in fact, almost constant, association of fungus bodies with the disease, leads to the suspicion that it may be of fungus origin."

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"Growers in Chautauqua county have suffered much during the past three seasons from bark bursting of blackberry canes. It is due, probably, to some form of winter injury, but just what the nature of this is, is not accurately known."

In reply to a question it was stated that root gall on peach trees and raspberries would spread from one to the other.

(To be continued in April number.)

Bananas Gauge of Prosperity.

One of the curious effects of good times upon the foreign commerce of the United States is an enormous increase in the quantity of bananas imported. From 1890 to 1900 the yearly receipts of that popular tropical fruit gradually rose from 12,582,000 bunches to 16,509,000 in round figures. The increase was somewhat greater than the growth of the population would account for, but it was nothing more than might have been expected from the better distribution of the supply of bananas and the more general appreciation of their merits as food. But last year the imports shot up to more than 21,950,000 bunches,

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It is clear that Americans are forming more and more the habit of eating bananas, and it is also evident that when the conditions of the trade and industry are such as they have been for the past two years the statistics of ordinary times afford no gauge of the possibilities of the consumption of luxuries in the United States.

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In the Garden



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March Doings.

Now that we begin to talk of the March work, things are taking on an air very like the gardening season. Our vacation is nearly over I think, and the green things must soon be growing. I expect that many good garden resolutions were made on January first. So I must call the roll to see how those resolves are being kept, for to all of Vick's readers this year ought to be the beginning of years in garden making.

We are glad to call attention to some new features in this "Seed Time" number which we hope will continue in the future. I know of no way that this department can become so useful to our readers, as for every one who is at all interested in the garden work, to feel that they have a personal interest in its columns. In fact, we desire to make it an experience meeting where all may feel welcome to walk right in without knocking. Many of us meet difficulties in our work, and right here is the place to fool them and get them straightened out. Then, too, the very thing that is troubling one reader in his work, may be the same that scores of others are facing. Someone may have overcome the trouble and if so, his experience will be valuable to others. This month, we are inserting some letters that have come to us, because they tell of difficulties that have been met, and how they have been overcome. Others tell of difficulties that the writers are meeting, and are asking how best to meet them. Now, good readers, your way of doing certain things may be very helpful to others, once they know how it was done; and how shall we know except you tell us? We shall be glad to hear from all quarters wherever our readers live and have gardens, as to how and what they are doing. "Come now, let us reason together," and talk matters over and get better acquainted. Let us tell our failures as well as our successes; for by these means, we shall surely attain better results. Write out what you are doing and how you do it, whether it has been successful or otherwise, and I am sure we shall all become more interested and receive greater benefit. Address all letters to Editor of Garden Department, care of Vick's Magazine.

Correspondence.

Below are some letters to the point, but we desire to see more in the future.

Mrs. B. P., Chicago, Ill.,—"I am very much interested in your articles in Vick's Magazine. May I be so

bold as to ask a few questions? I know you are a very busy man, yet I know you would pardon me if you knew what my garden means to me this year, and I dare not make any mistakes. 1. Can I have a hot bed without horse manure? I keep chickens, so could get chicken manure. 2. How do you prepare a cold frame; and when can seeds be sown in same? I think the December article "In the Garden" was very interesting. Perhaps you can tell us in the Magazine how you grow so much on so little ground. I have read about that, but what vegetables do you take in succession? My garden is very small, 3x25 feet, and I would like to make the most of it, because living expenses are so high. The garden fence is wire netting thirty six inches high. 3. What shall I plant against this? Would peas or beans do, and follow them with Japanese cucumbers? 4. I wish I could get a good book, for a reasonable price on growing vegetables. There are plenty, but I can hardly afford to pay \$1.50 to \$2.00 for one. I am sorry to have troubled you with this letter, but I do feel so helpless and don't know to whom to go for advice."

Now here it is, and I suspect that many more of our readers are trying to solve the same problems as Mrs. P. —A friend once told me that I had a champagne appetite with a beer pocketbook. Now I do not happen to have an appetite for either of the above, but I have been trying awfully hard to dovetail a ten-acre ambition into a small space of garden ground. You see I was brought up on a farm and it has been hard work to sharpen off the notions gained there and drive them into a small place like a city lot. I have learned somethings about it, and I know of no higher pleasure than to help others whenever able to do so. Some of the questions will be answered now, and some more fully in the April number, when we shall have full particulars of the surroundings of Mrs. P's garden.

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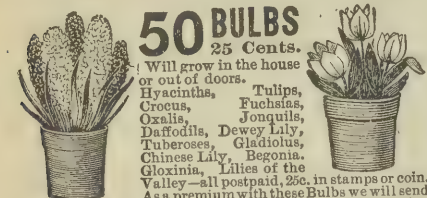
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may be stored away, or it can be filled with good garden soil and used for growing any plants that you may desire. Both hot bed and cold frame maybe used during the winter for many kinds of flowering plants, early cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, etc. In the April number I will be glad to tell something of the varieties of vegetables that may be used for successions. Your garden, 3x25 feet of course, is small, but I too have used such plots, and learned many things that have been very useful in larger operations. So do not be discouraged, and we will see what can be grown, and next fall we very much hope to get a full report as to what that garden does this summer. 3. Early peas or beans will do nicely for the wire fence; but preferably peas as they may be sown much earlier than beans could be planted. Then they would come off sooner to give more time for the Japanese cucumbers. They will require a somewhat slanting trellis which might extend above the fence and they will need to be tied up somewhat. With full particulars as to your surroundings, and the kinds of vegetables you prefer to grow, we will be better able to give full directions, and will try to do so next month. As to a garden book, the editor of this magazine has one now in press that will be useful and very cheap. It will be issued very soon.

H. A. B., West Liberty., O.—
Perhaps what is here written may help somebody to avoid the mishaps I have had, and possibly in getting new ideas to start on. When I came to West Liberty four years ago, I was a perfect ignoramus in regard to gardening, or any kind of horticultural work. On the place when I first came, were a grape vine, (Concord) a cherry tree, and a few worthless plum trees. The next year I had some nice young peach trees growing finely, but the leaves were literally covered with green plant lice; I didn't know what to do, so asked a greenhouse man who makes a business of selling flowers and plants, what to do, and he said, "put a level teaspoonful of Paris green in three gallons of water; that will kill the lice and won't hurt the tree." I did kill the lice, and incidentally the tree also. Now I use for the above 1½ ounces of insect powder in three gallons of water, and it kills the lice by suffocation, and don't hurt the tree. One year I used Paris green five times—level teaspoonful to three gallons of water—on my cherry tree, and got good, sound cherries. Now I use "Disparene" twice, and get better results, and have less work to do. You can use it by itself, or in connection with Bordeaux mixture. Use one ounce to a gallon of water. Disparene is much better than Paris green as it is more effective, and when it dries, adheres so closely that even a hard rain won't wash it off. It costs, if it is bought as I do, two pounds at a time, twenty-

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My lot is 50x150 feet, and between the back porch and back fence I have an arbor with ten vines planted for it—grape, five apple trees, three pear trees, a quince bush, and Borgeat quince tree, three plum trees, two peach trees, two cherry trees, red raspberries, (next year will have blackberries,) two asparagus beds 4x26 feet; raised this year enough tomatoes to give us all we wanted—which is no small quantity,—gave away at least a bushel, and sold two bushels at \$1.00 per bushel. A big rhubarb bed gives us all we can use (a large amount), and all kinds of vegetables except corn and potatoes. Now, if any one has any trouble with his garden, insects, or bugs, he comes to me to know what to do and how to do it. I got some fine rhubarb plants from a friend here, dug a rather deep hole, put in six or seven inches of solid hen manure, put on top of that, five or six inches of earth, planted the rhubarb on top of that, and how that rhubarb did grow. I know what trials and tribulations I went through and if you think this will do anybody any good, or any part of it, you are welcome to use it. I know what is stated here will do good, if used as I did. In using Bordeaux mixture to determine whether there is too much sulphate of copper, put a bright knife blade into the mixture for a minute or two. If the blade is not discolored by the copper, it will not be too strong. If the copper colors the blade, add more lime.

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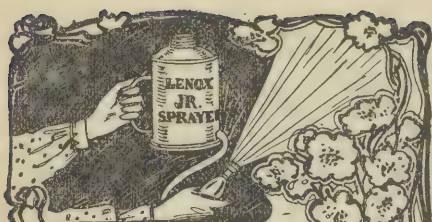
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We are glad to insert the above letter, as it clearly shows what push and determination will do. The writer is accomplishing as much in this village lot as is done upon some lots containing whole acres. There are some helpful suggestions as to insects and moles. We believe, however, that the green aphid or lice are best treated with kerosene emulsion or tobacco dust. They belong to the sucking, and not to the leaf eating insects, so poison will not reach them well unless applied in some form to kill by contact. We believe the insect powder would do best applied in dry form while the foliage is wet with dew. His method, however, if successful with him, will also be helpful to others. The carbon bisulphide we believe will be entirely successful with the moles. He should have added the precaution to close up the opening as soon as the liquid was poured in. Let me add, that the carbon bisulphide will effectually rid the house also of vermin as bed bugs, cockroaches, etc. Measure the floor space, use one ounce of the liquid without regard to height of the room. Every crevice and crack should be closely stopped, and the liquid, placed in an open earthen vessel, or tin can should be placed high up in the room. The fumes are heavier than the air and will go down readily. I should be a little afraid of the hen manure placed so thickly under the rhubarb, for while it is a gross feeder, it will grow itself to death sometimes. I have grown it thus with stable manure. Watch the outcome for this year. it may however pull through without injury.—Ed. Garden Department.

I am very glad to insert the following article furnished for this number by Prof. W. W. Tracey. He was for some years an instructor in the Michigan Agricultural College, but for many years has been employed as seed and horticultural expert of the largest seed firm in America. It will richly repay all our readers to study the article carefully, as while it contains much practical instruction, it also has much of the scientific side of seed and plant life. These facts are well worth careful study, and this number should be preserved for future reference.

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This world of ours covered with verdure is very, very beautiful, but every year fire or frost, deluge or drought sweeps every living thing from vast areas of its surface. How are these denuded spots reclothed with a vegetable mantle? In much the same way that we fill the naked yard or the prairie with flowering plants, but with far greater certainty of success by means of the little plants we call seeds. We wait till the leaves have fallen and the plant dormant and then hurriedly tear the young plant from its winter resting place all unprepared for the journey. The plant, while it delays the actual removal till the same season prepares the plantlet for its journey long before, when the parent plant was in full growth and vigor. We select a single small stem with but few buds. The plant in the seed uses but a very tiny stem, often so short as to hardly be discernible with the naked eye, and but a single bud. We find that the root is hard to get and to keep alive, but we must have it, since in no other way can we provide the nourishment the bud must have to start it into growth. In the seed the root is dispensed with and in its place the parent plant collects and stores either in the outer leaves of the bud or where it is immediately available an abundant supply of food to sustain the starting bud until the plantlet can develop roots in its new home.

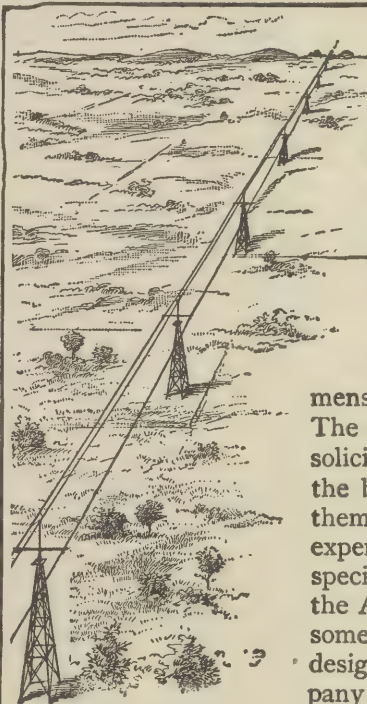
Note.—If we will wrap a few pumpkin seeds and some beans in a wet cloth and keep them in a warm, damp place, from twelve to twenty-four hours, we can easily pull them apart and we shall find that in the squash seed the two outer leaves of the bud are so much larger than the others that they take up nearly all the space and that they are so crowded

with plant food that the notches of the leaves are all pressed out so that the edge is full and smooth; and in the bean seed the two outer leaves are so disproportionately large that we call them the halves of the seed, and they are so stuffed with food for the nourishment of the young plant that they do not look like leaves at all.

We wrap our plantlet in some soft

material to exclude the air and then in a stronger, harder one to protect it from external injury. The plant does the same in the seed; we send our plant to its destination by some messenger, either personal or corporate, paying for the service in various ways. The plant does the same thing and by hooks by which the seed be-

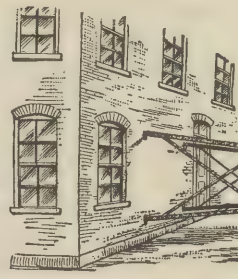
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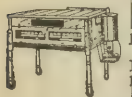
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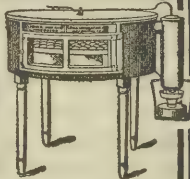
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Timely Topics.

If you have not already disposed of the surplus stock, and such as you do not wish to use for breeding purposes, I would do so at once before the price of market poultry goes lower. Then it saves feed and gives more room for those remaining. After the long cold winter the poultry house will need a thorough cleaning, which should be done at the earliest opportunity. Take a mild day for the job, and carry all the movable fixtures outside and sweep them thoroughly, then apply crude or kerosene oil or some other lice exterminator, to the nest boxes, perches, etc. This work should be done thoroughly; it will prevent the insects from getting a start when warm weather comes, which they are sure to do if not held in check. After every thing has been replaced sprinkle some dirt from the dust box on the platform for droppings. Later on we will touch on this matter of caring for the hen manure, which, by the way, is one of the most important and profitable parts of the business. Some people, when they clean out the hen house make it a point to stir up as much dust as possible, scatter air slacked lime all over every thing and so on. This may be all right in warm weather when the fowls can stay outside, if the attendant likes it; but I never enjoyed doing the work in this manner and can see nothing gained in kicking up such a dust. If the mites are troublesome I would sweep the walls thoroughly then white-wash them; the dust will not exterminate the insects. I don't think much of air slacked lime in the hen house, although I have used it considerably on the manure platforms. I prefer land plaster when it can be had; but sifted coal ashes, if you have them will answer nicely. Some use the lime to take up the dampness. If the house is so damp as to require absorbents, better make some alterations; it is not a healthy place for the hens. Of course in a close built house, when there are very many fowls, there will be some dampness, but, by proper ventilation on mild and sunny days it can be dried out. Open up the windows or doors and let the wind sail through. If the hens are properly supplied with scratching material to keep them busy, they won't mind the wind, even on quite cold days. These advices as to the frequency of the periodical house cleaning are suggestive. The poultry man who works systematically soon arranges a rotation of work which brings the regular brushings out, near enough together to keep things in a sanitary and respectable looking condition.

If you have Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds or any of the larger breeds and want early pullets, begin setting their eggs this month. Minorcas, Leghorns and other light breeds can be got out in season if set next month (April). Be sure and have every thing in readiness for the chicks when they come off. It is more important to make these preparations before hand, now, than after the weather becomes warm; then a delay of a day or two in fixing up coops and brooders don't matter so much. I know what a delay in having things in shape means. The first year I ran an incubator, I neglected to order brooders until about two weeks before the hatch was due. The weather was yet cold and snowy, and after a delay of three or four days in shipping the brooders from the factory, they were stalled with other freight on the road for more than two weeks and until a tracer was sent in search of them. Over one hundred chicks came off and no place to put them. I quickly fixed a box about three by six feet square and eight inches high, placed it in a room by a stove and set in four or five cans of hot water, put in the chicks and covered them over with a woolen blanket. They were pretty thick and noisy, but I managed them in this way for over a week, and fortunately lost very few of the lot. Such delays cause a good deal of trouble and inconvenience and often a loss of a good many chicks. It pays to have feed and every thing in this line on hand and all preparations made in time.

The hens will stand heavier feeding now than at most any other time of the year. Although it requires less now to keep them warm, it takes more for egg material. With a dairy cow, if we fail to give her the necessary amount of food to keep up the supply of milk and still continue to milk her, she soon becomes poor. Its just the same with a hen, she must have extra food when producing eggs right along or she will soon lay herself poor. Many good hens are ruined by having too short rations when laying, and many a poultry keeper never discovers the condition of his hens until it is too late. Don't allow your attention to be so fully occupied with the care of young stock, that you will neglect the laying hens. A flock that has laid well during the winter should not be forced now, for as a rule summer eggs are more profitable than spring eggs, and the hens should be well cared for now in anticipation of a good yield later on, when it is a hard matter to get fresh eggs at the store.



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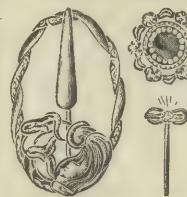
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IN THE GARDEN.

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Our Bright-Eyed Circle.

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The monkeys seemed to be all running after each other, fighting, squabbling, grabbing at lettuce and pieces of bananas, making grimaces at each other, and scolding until the chimpanzee could scarcely hear its own voice.

"Oh no," said the small orang-outang who was a kind-hearted little fellow, "they are very foolish, but I shouldn't say they were as bad as that!"

"Well, no, perhaps not," answered the chimpanzee.

Quite an interest is shown in Sammie's New Year's Resolutions. Howard Carpenter seems to be a thoughtful boy judging by his letter about Sammie. Helene Daily finds little to praise in Sammie, and Anna Paulsen fairly makes me gasp over her long, long list. Oh, Anna, how you have scored the poor boy! Dear me! I didn't see before just how hopeless he seems to others!

The contest over Sammie closes April 1st, and as all you have to do to win a charming prize is to use your wits and find all Sammie's faults as told in January issue. If I do not get some dozens of letters this month, alas! I shall know you think less of Aunt Stella than she does of you.

THE CHINA CABINET.

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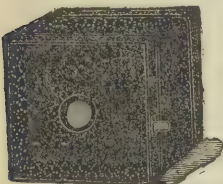
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MY TREASURE.

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her mind than she did at the time. Philip was intensely diverted to find that I had been in such a fright.

But when the story was finished, Mary came over to me and took my hand.

"So you really thought," she said, "that after all your kindness—making me like your sister, and loving me when I so sorely needed love—that Philip and I were going to leave you to a stranger?"

"Frances, I protest solemnly I was not in the plot," said Philip. "I did not make up my mind to quarter myself and my wife upon you. Nay, as you know, I honestly searched for a suitable house when we first came home, and in my guilelessness could not imagine why Una was so hard to please. She is a very designing woman, Fan. I have little doubt that from the first she intended to live here."

"I intended to see if it would answer," said Una, boldly; "and it did, and does, and will. We are very happy together, and I have plenty of time for all that Frances wants done—except the sketching; and, Philip, do you know she is growing quite unprincipled? She actually took the description of a place in France out of the great encyclopedia this very morning, and worked it up until I fancied I had gone there and seen it all!"

"This comes of having an unprincipled companion," remarked Philip. Ah, well! I did not lose my treasure after all! I hope it was not selfish of me to accept her offer—but I was

so utterly lonely. I have never once been allowed to feel myself one too many. And Mary is one of those who will and must be sacrificing their comfort for some one; so it may as well be for me, who loves her so dearly and needs her so much.

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The Message of the Birds.
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)
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And hurling its bullets of ice crusted sleet
As it hurries away;
The snowdrifts are lying o'er meadows of brown
But a host of new-comers are flocking to town;
List! Hear the birds calling from far and from near.
Give heed to their tidings: "The Springtime is here."

The brave little crocus has not dared to peep
Above the cold ground;
The snowdrop is sleeping its snug winter's sleep
Unheeding the sound
Of bird wings, on rushing, the March wind to beat,
As madly it gambols adown thro' the street,
Oh, listen and heed you the tidings of cheer
The robins are bringing: "The Springtime is here."

The gray skies and snowdrifts will vanish away
Beneath the warm sun;
The gay little lambskins will come out to play,—
Oh, how they will run!
The skies will be bright; there'll be green meadows, too,
Though snow is now falling, and winds pierce you thro'.
For out in the maple a bluebird sings, clear,
And robins are calling and Springtime is here.

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SOME SUGGESTIONS.

(Continued from Page Two.)

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THROUGH FIELDS AND WOODLANDS.

(Continued from Page Six.)

ringed towards its pointed end and with a handle-like affair at its upper end. This is the pupa of the potato or tomato worm, as it is variously called, for it is a voracious feeder and will readily strip either plant of its foliage. When the worm has arrived at maturity it seeks the ground where it turns into the pupa, and remains there quietly till spring. A handsome moth emerges, which is known as the Five-spotted Sphinx. We show the moth, caterpillar and pupa case. The moth has a long and very flexible proboscis, and it is this implement which was curled up in the handle-like affair on the pupa-case. It is wonderful to compare the moth and the case it came out of, and to note what a miracle of packing was necessary in order to make one fit into the other. In fact all pupa cases or cocoons seem far too small for the insects which emerge from them, and the silken cases from which the Cecropia and Prometheus moths come out are even smaller in proportion than that of the potato worm.

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Tucked Waist 4328.

Tucked Skirt 4315.

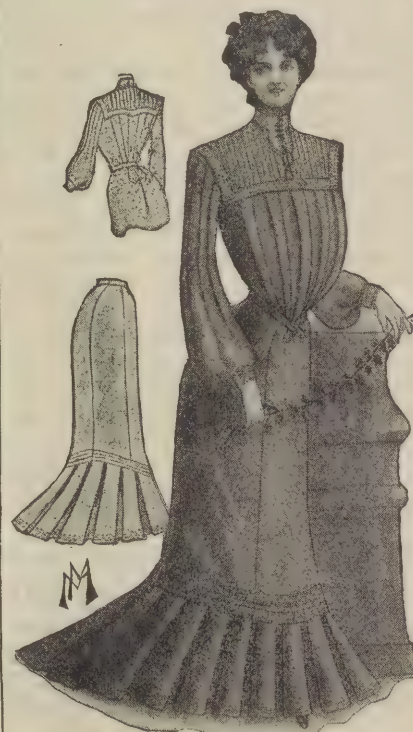
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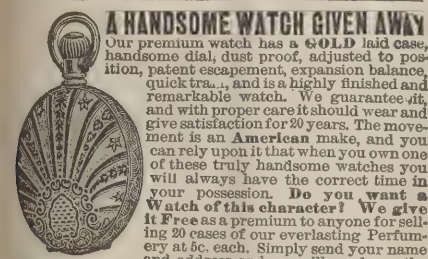
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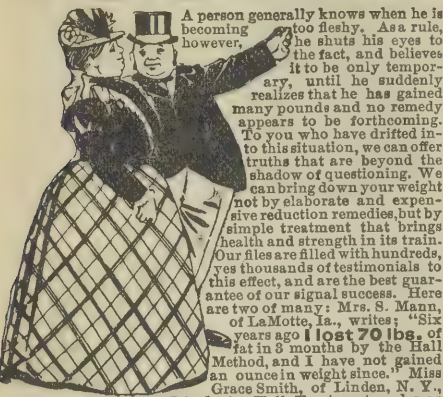
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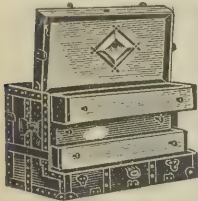
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AN AFTER THOUGHT.

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Like a flash, an inspiration came to her. "I do believe," she whispered slowly, "I do believe she's hungry. Now that I think of it, she looked it and I—out of all my plenty, I never offered her a thing!"

She went hurriedly into the small and shining kitchen. The teapot was still warm. There was plenty of roast beef and apple dumplings too. "Why didn't I set her a lunch," she whispered remorsefully. "I always did like Mary Ann Clough. She ain't one of the kind that pushes herself forward. She needs some one to look after her, Mary Ann does."

She walked into the sitting room and sat down again, then she rose, "It's no use, my conscience won't let me rest," she said to herself.

Mrs. Priscilla hurried into the kitchen again. The roast beef and the dumplings were placed hurriedly in the oven, the teapot set carefully on the back of the stove. The next minute she had started on her way.

Mrs. Priscilla knocked briskly at the weather-beaten door. She waited a minute before Mary Ann opened it. Her eyes were red, and she still had on her black dress.

"Why, Priscilla," she said, smiling faintly, "whatever brought you down here?"

"My guilty conscience," promptly replied Mrs. Priscilla. "Mary Ann," she added suddenly, "I never thought until you were gone how thoughtless and selfish it was of me not to offer you any dinner after that long walk. So I've come to ask you to come back. Come now, put on your hat. I won't take 'no' for an answer."

She followed Mary Ann into the clean, bare kitchen. The fire had not been lighted. On the table were two slices of bread and a cup of cold tea. Nothing else.

Is that all you were going to have?" demanded Mrs. Priscilla sternly.

Mary Ann nodded and her lips quivered. "Work has been scarce lately," she answered unsteadily. "I've had almost nothing to spend, but I'm a poor hand to tell my troubles; you know that."

Mrs. Priscilla brushed away a quick tear. "Lock up the house, Mary Ann," she said peremptorily. "You're coming home with me."

Mary Ann obeyed silently.

In a few minutes the two women were started up the hill again. Mrs. Priscilla gave a sigh of satisfaction when her own door was reached and opened. "There," she cried hospitably. "Now you sit down and rest. I'll call you when I'm ready."

Mary Ann sat quietly in the big softly cushioned chair, too tired to move. She heard the hostess moving briskly about in the next room, then a moment later her name was called. She got up stiffly and went out. There stood the little round table with its white cloth and gold-banded china.

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Mary Ann sat down. Her eyes were full of tears as she asked a silent blessing—tears of gratitude for this unexpected favor. "I don't know how to thank you, Priscilla," she said brokenly, after a moment's stillness, "it seems so good to be here."

"Don't try," said Mrs. Priscilla gently, "just eat, my dear." So poor, tired, discouraged Mary Ann ate her dinner, that belated, unlooked-for dinner. How nice everything tasted. How good God was to put it into Priscilla's heart to ask her.

"You must let me wash the dishes, Priscilla," she said humbly, when she had finished. "I've enjoyed everything. There ain't many that can cook like that. I've always said it."

"You go right in and rest," returned Mrs. Priscilla promptly. "I guess you've done enough for one day."

In a few minutes Mrs. Priscilla came in. "You look better, Mary Ann," she said.

Mary Ann's thin cheek flushed. "I am," she replied. "I'm ashamed to tell you how much good your dinner did me. When I'm rested, I'll be getting on again. I must look for work if I can find it."

She clasped her thin little hands together nervously. Mrs. Priscilla looked across at her, noted her hollow cheeks and her blue veined temples. A great and tender pity thrilled her.

"Mary Ann," she said.

"Yes, Priscilla."

"You may as well make up your mind to stay with me a spell. I've a black dress to fix over, and when you get that done you can crotch me a rug. I need it upstairs. Why, Mary Ann, you must not cry so, like a child."

But Mary Ann was sobbing piteously. She lifted her streaming eyes to her friend's face.

"What put it into your heart, Priscilla?" she cried. "Did you know I hadn't a cent in the world? And I've tried hard. I have indeed. It isn't all my fault, but there just seems to be no place for me."

Mrs. Priscilla bent and kissed the thin cheek. "We'll make a place," she said heartily. "You needn't worry, Mary Ann. The Lord always cares for his own." *Ram's Horn.*

THE MAGIC ISLE.

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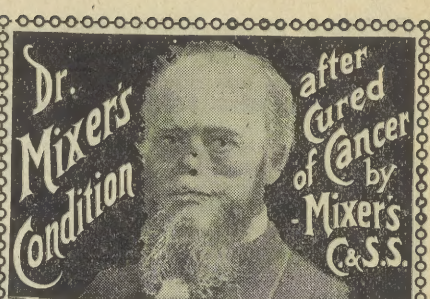
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MOTHER'S MEETING.

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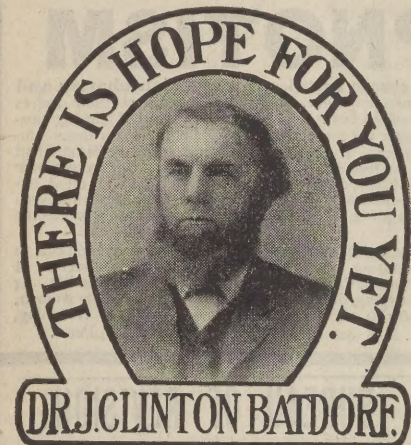
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"American Ornithologist tells in February number of "Dancing Birds," and describes the antics of the Woodcocks, and Sandhill Crane, in a clever charade we find Whip-poor-will. The interesting article, too, about the Yellow-winged Grasshopper Sparrow's arched nest so hard to find would set some of my readers wondering whether they ever discovered one. "The Chippy Family" is the premium given to every subscriber and it is "too cute" to describe. "Bird Lore" gives a valuable "Bird Chart." "Country Life in America" has in a recent plea, i. e., "Water the Birds," a graphic account of the results of scarcity of water and the scant food supply in times of drought.

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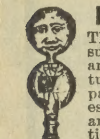
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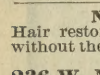
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Talks About Flowers.

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chiefly dark red. The only fault with the flowers is that they do not remain open so long as they might, but if enough bulbs are planted, the supply of blossoms will last all summer. The tuberose and montbretia, which come in white and orange scarlet, respectively, are two popular candidates for a place of honor in your flower garden. The former has to be started indoors, in order to have it blossom before frost.

Dahlias and cannas are perhaps so well known that they do not require to be discussed at length. They are as beautiful and desirable as they ever were, only a great deal more so. I hope you are planning for a canna bed. If you are, do not forget that both dwarf and tall varieties should be ordered. Most catalogues give the height of the different kinds, so that one can tell which to select. It is a good plan not to mix too many varieties in one small plot; but where they are planted in a row and used as a background for other plants, the idea is permissible. The cannas Austria and Italia are worthy of one's attention. Among dahlias, I consider the Cactus varieties to be about the most satisfactory of all. It is difficult to choose from any class, however, without being unjust to the members of some other class.

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If they have been treated right during the winter, the dormant plants in the cellar will now begin to grow actively. They should be removed to the living rooms and seen to. Cut back the dead branches, also diseased ones. Sharp pruning will do them good. I should repot as many as possible in fresh, new soil; use judgment as to the size of the pots. Chrysanthemums should be divided at the roots, after the new shoots have got to be about three inches high. Work away the old, the last year's wood, repot in new soil in three or four inch pots and encourage into stocky growth. A sunny window should be given, and attention paid to watering. It will probably not be necessary to repot until May first.

Gloxinias and begonias should be shaken out of their dishes and repotted in new, rich soil. Keep them warm and moist. Bottom heat is what is desired. If you do not have the two bulbs named, order some at once, for each is as beautiful as the other, which is saying a good deal. Along late in the month, or in April, set some of your gladioli in pans of earth, place in a cool, sunny window and perhaps they will blossom sooner in the garden than those left unplanted until May. Clumps of dahlias may be carefully divided, and the tubers treated in the same way. They should be given a good light, so that the new growth will not become spindling.

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